

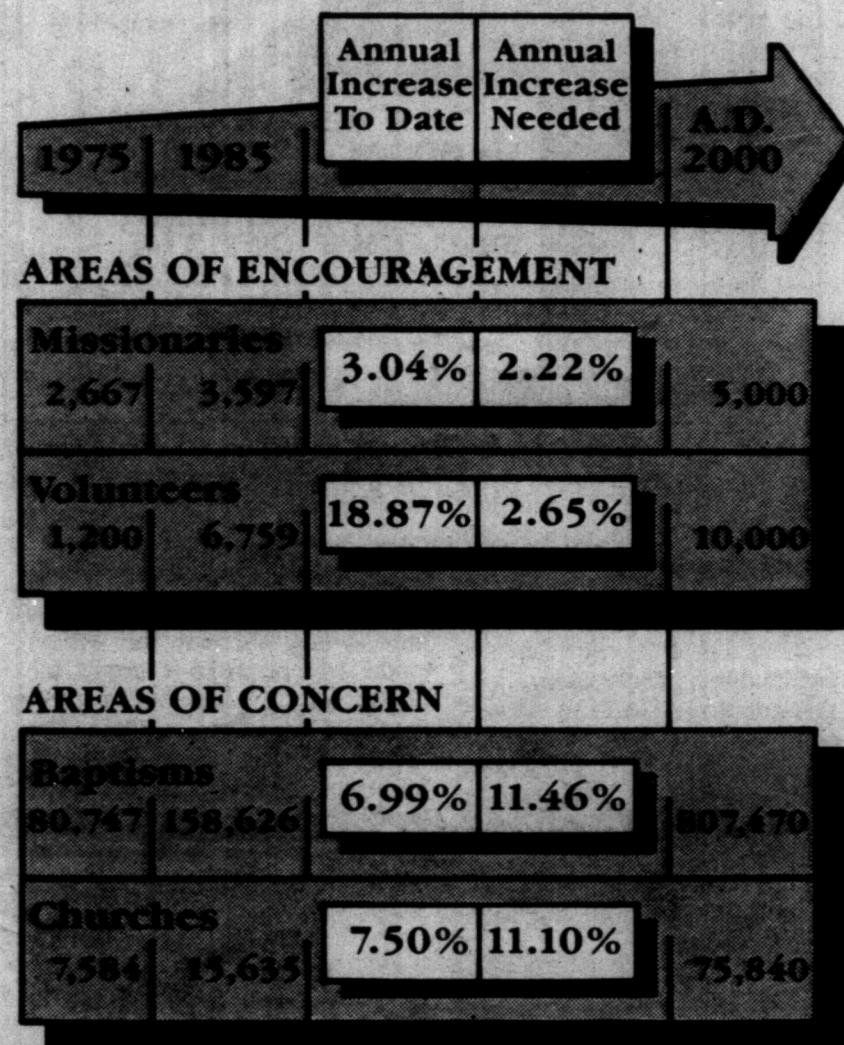
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## BOLD MISSION THRUST 10-Year Update on Foreign Missions



### Good news, bad news

The good news of Bold Mission Thrust is that Southern Baptists' response to the increased need for missionaries and volunteers is ahead of the schedule required to reach those goals by the year 2000. The bad news is that churches and baptisms overseas are increasing at a slower pace than that needed to reach the 2000 A.D. goal. (BP) CHART By Burriel Perry

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## Falling plane prompts urgent evangelism

By Laura Lee Stewart

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — "I'm going to die, "I'm going to die!" the woman next to Ralph Bethea cried out as the plane tilted sharply and the ground loomed closer.

One engine was out, and the other was sputtering.

The plane was about 15 minutes outside of Nairobi, Kenya, on the way to Mombasa, where Bethea, of Memphis, Tenn., works as a Southern Baptist missionary. He had boarded the two-engine turboprop after waiting with other passengers for an hour because of a delay caused by electrical problems.

During the delay he had begun talking with a group of German

tourists in the departure lounge. One man sported a kayak insignia on his gear. The water sport of kayaking also interests Bethea, and he soon struck up a conversation.

The man told Bethea he was an industrialist and asked the missionary what he did for a living. "I'm getting up a party for the King," Bethea replied. "Oh, what king do you work for?" the man wanted to know. Bethea's answer, "The King of kings."

"Oh, you're one of those religious people."

"Yes," Bethea said. "I'm a missionary for Southern Baptists."

"Well, my wife sometimes gets religious, but I don't have time for

that," the man replied.

Once on the plane, the man directed a few barbs about having a beer at the missionary. Unruffled, Bethea declined the offer with his usual smile.

Then came the engine trouble. The cry of the man's wife revealed her terror of impending death. "It's an emergency," the stewardess announced. The industrialist, sitting across the aisle from Bethea, called out desperately: "Missionary, tell me how to get saved."

"I don't know if we have time or not," Bethea answered, remembering the man's earlier comment.

"You pray for time!" the man said. Bethea did just that. He asked

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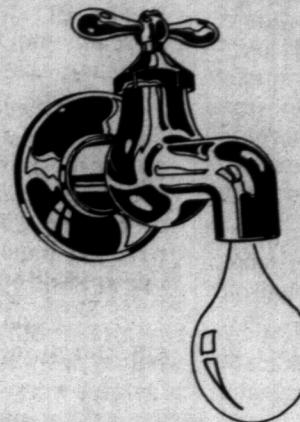
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## Brazilian water project helps two needy towns

SALVADOR, Brazil (BP) —

Southern Baptist missionaries, Brazilian Baptists and a Brazilian state government recently joined hands to bring clean, safe drinking water to more than 5,000 people.

Two towns in the northeastern state of Bahia now have safe drinking water piped directly into homes. No longer do women and children have to carry heavy cans of water on their heads for a mile or two each day.

The water project was begun and directed by missionary Danny Callis in Tojucá, which has some 5,000 residents, and a smaller town, Cachoeirinha, a mile away. Callis, of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., directs the state Baptist camp located near Tojucá.

Providing pure water for towns in drought-stricken areas of northeastern Brazil often is the best way to alleviate hunger and sickness, said Callis. The camp also needed clean water.

The project included construction of a pumping station, water treatment plant, storage tank and pipes running to each house in the community and the camp. The state government performed a map survey of the community without charge and agreed to split the cost of the rest of the project with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission

Board.

Brazilian Baptists from Salvador, the state capital, formed an administrative team to oversee the construction, material purchasing and finances.

Since many families in the two towns could not afford connection to the water system, an agreement was made to allow free hookup for each family which dug at least 60 feet of ditches for the pipes. Men, women and children participated in the ditch digging.

The estimated project cost was cut in half through community participation and careful purchase of supplies. Southern Baptist expenses totaled about \$70,000 in hunger relief funds. Surplus funds were returned to the Foreign Mission Board.

Health in the two towns has improved since contaminated water is not being consumed, missionaries reported. The price of land has increased and construction is on the rise.

After the work was done, the local Baptist congregation started growing, and the "entire community is an open door for the gospel because Baptists have shown that they care," said missionary Glenda Miller.

in German, Bethea realized he was telling the others about the gospel. Before long 18 German tourists prayed to receive salvation through Jesus Christ.

Bethea handed out 10 New Testaments to those in the group who said they had none. When the call came to board the plane again, some other tourists said, "No, I won't get back on that plane. I'm going to catch a train."

But those who had prayed to receive Christ continued their journey in the air. Said the industrialist, "If that missionary is going, I'm going too."

Stewart is Southern Baptist missionary press representative in Kenya.

# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Philosophical rift

There couldn't have been two better candidates for president of the Southern Baptist Convention than Adrian Rogers and Winfred Moore to epitomize the rift between factions of Southern Baptists.

Rogers, who was elected, is pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis. Moore is pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Texas. Concerning their theological positions, there probably is not a thimble full of difference. That indicates that the problem is not theological at all but something else.

So what is it?

It is philosophical.

Not all of the troops that are lining up on one or the other side of the factions that are involved are doing so on a philosophical basis, and that complicates the issue. Some apparently believe that there is a myriad of liberal Southern Baptists to be found, for that word has been made a part of publication and conversation. Perhaps there are a few of liberal bent, and perhaps some of them are in the wrong places; but that determination has never been clearly defined.

That doesn't mean that the Baptist Record is soft on liberalism. It is not. This writer believes everything that has been stated as being a premise of fundamentalism. I've never been called a fundamentalist and don't want to be. Neither do I want to be called a

moderate. And I am certainly not a liberal.

The Baptist Record is not soft on liberalism. I just wish somebody, somewhere could come up with a definitive statement on what a liberal is so that we could all recognize him for sure. If there are liberals, and beyond a doubt there must be, (if not, we are going through an awful lot of travail for nothing), then I wish they would quietly find some other place of service where they would feel more comfortable and let us get on about our business. My problem is that I don't know who they are.

The real issue, however, gets back to Rogers and Moore. With two men who have such a similarity in their theology in the race for president, why does there have to be a rift?

And here is where we come back to the philosophical concepts and the differences in those concepts.

Both factions have perfect rights to their concepts. They are diametrically opposed to each other, however, and the question that remains is what are we going to do about it?

Hopefully, the Peace Committee will begin to figure out somehow the two ideas can survive in the same body without causing so much tension.

The Rogers group simply believes that there have to be limits on beliefs for one to be a Southern Baptist; and

without question, this is true.

The Moore group, on the other hand, sees the convention as a missions equipping and financing agency. While this group would agree that there must be boundaries, they would not presume to establish those boundaries. They would give priority to the funding of missions efforts rather than to determining the theological persuasion of those who are doing the funding. Without question, also, this is a valid concept and one that adheres to the Baptist tenet known as the priesthood of the believer.

But this concept leaves unanswered the question of what really are the specifics that make up a Baptist. And the question is left unanswered on purpose, because it would be felt in that group that it is not the business of the group to determine definitively whether or not one is Baptist. He would be called upon to make that decision for himself based on his interpretation of what Baptists believe. The guide for this decision is usually determined as the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message.

It must be said that the Rogers faction also supports missions and the missions funding concept of what a convention should be. They would be a little quicker, however, to seek to determine what constitutes Baptist beliefs and to make their findings applicable.



So when it all boils down to where nothing is left but the plain facts, the rift is over the priority of a doctrinal test for beliefs as opposed to the priority of the individual making the decision for himself.

Both groups believe essentially the same thing. The difference comes in the application of the beliefs.

So how do we arrive at an answer? There is very little chance of doing so without the intervention of the Lord. Does he intervene in convention affairs? Let us hope so. We have no other hope. The Peace Committee simply hopes to be his emissary to move

toward finding the basis that we need for determining the peaceful solution to our problem.

Let us pray diligently for the committee.

And so, for the moment, and we hope, a long moment, this will conclude any remarks I might have about the circumstances facing Southern Baptists. The Peace Committee deserves a chance to work in an atmosphere of hope and trust. I want to help the members of that committee all that I can.

As stated before, I surely can pray.

## Guest opinion . . .

### “Thank you, Mississippi Baptists”

By Jerry Merriman

Every year in some meeting in which the program of B.S.U. is being interpreted the question comes, "Just how is B.S.U. funded locally and state wide?" It is a good question, and I always welcome it for a number of reasons.

First of all, it gives me a chance to thank Mississippi Baptists for their generosity in behalf of student work in Mississippi. That generosity has enabled us to conduct a Christian witness on 27 campuses in the state, where there are approximately 70,000 students, 35,000 of whom are listed as Baptist or Baptist preference. Secondly, it provides an opportunity to clarify financial relationships. And thirdly, it makes possible a platform to encourage additional financial support in areas where critical needs exist.

So let's talk about the local scene first. The basic financial support base at the local level is generated by local churches and associations. In a few cases, alumni groups fund specific B.S.U. projects during the school year. The money generated from these sources provides the day-by-day, week-to-week B.S.U. program activities

and general operating expenses (office expense, utility expense, minor repair for B.S.U. centers, part-time help, etc.). In a recent survey, approximately 750 churches out of the 1,978 churches in Mississippi were identified as current contributors to local B.S.U.s throughout the state.

At the state level, the Cooperative Program makes possible 18 full-time directorships and various supplementary relationships with Baptist colleges and part-time various supplementary relationships with Baptist colleges and part-time situations. Approximately 90 percent of the budget of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is designated for personnel support, and the remaining 10 percent is divided between programming and the maintenance of physical facilities. In addition to the department budget, there is a \$100,000 capital needs item in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board budget designated for the ongoing needs related to physical facilities. At present, there are 16 B.S.U. centers in the state; and, in the majority of cases, the title is held by the

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The original investment in these facilities is approximately \$2.6 million, and the current replacement value is near \$3.5 million.

In addition to the departmental budget and capital needs section of the Mississippi Baptist Convention budget, local B.S.U.s support through sacrificial giving and fund raising projects a student missions program. This summer we have 63 of our Mississippi Baptist students serving as summer missionaries in 31 states and seven foreign countries. Students raised approximately \$80,000 to support this program, which also provided partial funding for 192 who were involved in other-than-summer missions projects during the school year, five of which were conducted overseas. It is entirely probable that thousands of people will be touched and blessed by Mississippi's B.S.U. ministry through these campus-community-national-worldwide-mission efforts of our students, whose hearts were warmed and whose witnessing skills were developed in

the on-campus ministry of Baptist Student Union.

And what are some of the spiritual dividends which accrue from the financial investment of Mississippi Baptists in the student work ministry on these 27 campuses? Some of these dividends are tangible — results we can see, numbers we can count; and some of the most meaningful dividends are intangible — significant spiritual growth in students' lives; growth which enables them to be the means of changing the lives of fellow students now and inspiring some of them to mission activities in their communities, and some of them eventually into mission careers.

During the 1985-86 session, local B.S.U.s reported approximately 13,414 students who were reached by B.S.U. activities, 5,000 of whom were actively involved in campus programs. There were 200 student conversions; 529 students preparing for church-related vocations; and 1,200 students attending all state and national meetings (state B.S.U. convention, Leadership Training Conference, In-

ternational Student Conference, Ridgecrest/Glorieta). Bold Mission Thrust reports indicate that 1,696 students were involved in 109 Bible Study groups, 55 Discipleship groups were conducted, 56 Evangelism Outreach projects were conducted, 51 revival teams conducted 75 revivals, 1,057 Language Bibles/New Testaments were distributed to internationals, 703 students were involved in community missions, 85 career missions volunteers identified, and 28 Missions Emphasis week were conducted.

So, thank you, Mississippi Baptists, for your continued interest in and support of a ministry to students through Baptist Student Union. Our entire Mississippi B.S.U. family salutes you for the investment you are making now in our future leaders of tomorrow. It is both privilege and joy to be a partner in ministry with you as we reach out together to college students in the name of Christ.

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## Jackson, Boyce will headline Youth Night at the Coliseum

The 1986 Mississippi Baptist Youth Night, Aug. 8 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, features as speaker Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., and as singer Kim Boyce, who was Miss Florida in 1983. Bruce Fields, minister at First Church, Biloxi, will lead congregational music.

The other featured during the 7-9 p.m. program are the youth of Mississippi themselves. There will be both a Youth Night choir and an orchestra, both composed of Mississippi teenagers.

The band will be directed by Edd Brashier, minister of music at First Church, Carthage. Those planning to participate may wish to practice ahead of time. The two anthems the choir will sing are "I Am Loved," by Word Publishing Company, written by Gaither and arranged by Purifoy, order number is CS2958. The other anthem is "Sing to the Lord," by Glory Sound, written by Robert Sterling, order number A6101.

The orchestra will be primarily composed of those who played in the band at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly youth music conferences. Others interested in playing an instrument, may contact the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Churches are asked to arrive at the coliseum by 6:30 and to have the youths in their seats by 6:55. Churches are asked to provide one adult per seven youths as chaperones, and for church groups to sit together.

## India adopts policy against missionaries

NEW DELHI, India (EP) — Catholic missionaries from Canada and Belgium have been ordered to leave India, and a German priest has been denied re-entry to the country, in the most recent developments in a government crackdown on Christians missionary work in India.

The Indian government has decided to expel all foreign missionaries,

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Richard Jackson



Kim Boyce

## Baptists ask to contact Christians in Vietnam

HUE, Vietnam (BP) — Southern Baptists have told Vietnamese officials they would like to help Vietnam produce more food if, among other things, missionaries are allowed to establish contact with Christians there.

The condition was stated during recent talks in Vietnam between Southern Baptist missionary Earl Goatcher and Vietnamese government officials. The officials asked Goatcher if Southern Baptists would help Vietnam increase its food production.

In response, Goatcher asked that missionaries be free to establish contact with Vietnamese Christians and monitor any agricultural projects in which Southern Baptists might become involved.

Goatcher, a missionary assigned to Thailand, spent several days talking with officials scattered from Hanoi, the capital city, to Hue, capital of Bien Tri Thien Province. He asked them to submit specific project pro-

posals to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The talks came while Goatcher was in Vietnam helping distribute \$380,000 in emergency rice and medicine provided from world hunger contributions of Southern Baptists. Vietnamese government officials had requested the assistance. Monsoon storms in the South China Sea and licensing procedures helped cause a six-month delay in the arrival of the aid.

Goatcher said he was received cordially by officials in Hanoi. After three days of discussions, he fled with senior officials to Da Nang before driving to Hue, about 50 miles away.

There he monitored the emergency relief distribution and visited local officials, who encouraged Southern Baptists to begin long-term relief and development projects in the area.

During the 400-mile road trip back to Hanoi, he stopped and talked with other Vietnamese officials. In Hanoi,

the seat of government, more requests came for Southern Baptist help, he said.

"With Vietnam not being self-sufficient in food, and not having foreign exchange with which to purchase what it needs, requests relate

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## Venezuelans, missionaries covenant to pray three hours daily for revival

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Ludwing Villamizar shed a few tears as he read the covenant made by Southern Baptist missionaries in his native Venezuela.

The Latin American had prayed Southern Baptist missionaries would join Venezuelan pastors in a commitment to pray three times daily for



Keith and Penny Stamps



Greg and Karen Massey

## Foreign Board appoints two Mississippi couples

sionaries to Honduras.

Stamps is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

He has been an installation technician for a phone company and was interim youth director at Iglesia Bautista Central, Ft. Worth. He was a church planter at Home Gardens Church, Dallas; and was associate pastor, activity center worker and children's pastor at Midway Church, Jackson.

Born in Dallas, Mrs. Stamps, the former Penny Turner, is the daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner, missionaries in Ecuador. She is a graduate of North Texas State University. She has been a teacher in Texas and more recently taught in Jeff Davis County schools in Prentiss.

The Stamps have two children: Timothy Luke, born in 1982; and Angela Joy, 1985.

Marlin and Jean Harris were appointed to Paraguay where he will be an administrator of the Baptist Hospital. He is director of Trinity Health Network in Ft. Worth. A former member of First Church, Tupelo, he once worked as administrative assistant and then assistant administrator at North Mississippi Medical Center, Tupelo.

Robert and Linda Allen were appointed to Kenya where he will promote religious education. He is minister of education and administration at First Church, Thomson, Ga. While growing up, she, the former Linda Anderson, lived in Biloxi. The Allens have two children.

"If we don't work together, we won't get anywhere."

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustee Mark Corts of Winston-Salem, N.C., brought the resolution from Venezuela, where he led a prayer retreat during the annual meeting of Southern Baptist mis-

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# Flurry of convention motions creates avalanche of work

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A flurry of motions presented by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting this summer will result in an avalanche of work for SBC agencies throughout the coming year.

Messengers showered a record 51 motions on the convention during the meeting June 10-12 in Atlanta. Most of those motions were referred to appropriate agencies for action prior to next year's meeting.

"Bylaw 28 of the SBC Constitution directs that any matter which deals with a convention agency's program must be referred to the trustees of that agency," explained Reginald McDonough, executive vice president of the SBC Executive Committee.

"All of the motions for referral officially are communicated from the president of the Executive Committee to the president of the appropriate agency," added McDonough, who helps coordinate inter-agency relationships within the convention. "Then agency trustees consider the motion, take action they feel is appropriate and report back to the convention the following year. In some instances, referrals become recommendations for full convention action."

The number of motions presented has risen sharply in recent years, observers note. This year's total represents a 27.5 percent increase over the previous high — 40 motions in 1985.

McDonough cited a rise in the number of SBC messengers who have attended the past two conventions as a primary reason for the increase. More than 45,000 messengers participated in the Dallas convention in 1985, and almost 41,000 came to Atlanta; the previous high was less than 23,000.

"The conflict in the convention has caused a greater awareness by messengers of convention bylaws, what they say and how they can be changed," he added. "Messengers who want to see changes realize this

is the course they should take."

"People are catching on that this is the way to get things handled," SBC Recording Secretary Martin Bradley said. In response to a motion, "an agency must make some kind of decision — voice a view or perhaps even take action."

This year, as in the past, most of the motion-released action will be taken by the Executive Committee, which received 23 referrals. About half of those relate to the SBC Constitution or its bylaws, supporting McDonough's assertion that awareness of bylaws is a prime factor in the increase of motions.

Among the Executive Committee referrals are these:

— A proposal to "remove the (SBC) from participation in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and establish an exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of more truly reflecting our views . . ."

— A suggested change in Bylaw 21 which would limit the SBC president's choices for appointment to the Committee on Committees to four persons from each qualified state convention who have been recommended by that state convention's president.

— Four separate proposals to change Bylaw 16, which provides guidelines for the election of SBC board members, trustees, commissioners or members of standing committees.

— A move to require each convention messenger to be at least 13 years old.

— A request that the formula for determining how many messengers a church can send to the convention be studied "with the idea of bringing greater parity between the numerical basis and the financial basis."

— Two proposals which would provide guidelines for SBC presidential nominees — one which would require any officer's church to give 10 percent of its total offerings as undesignated

gifts to the denomination's Cooperative Program, and another which would designate "after a president leaves office, he is thereafter ineligible for service as . . . president."

— A request for a study of the feasibility of a Southern Baptist seminary in the Northeast.

— A motion asking for a study of the feasibility of "satellite convention locations."

Among other motions, four were adopted. These include the progress report of the SBC Peace Committee; request of a study by the SBC Annual Board to provide information on adequate provision for Southern Baptist annuitants; recommendation of the 1986 convention preacher, alternate preacher and music director; and a motion that one messenger's statement "be stricken from the minutes of the convention as being inconsistent with the theme of the convention."

One motion was defeated. It would have limited nominations for membership on the Committee on Boards to "the name, vocation, and state of the person doing the nominating and the name, vocation, and state of the person being nominated."

Eight motions were referred to persons or groups acting during the annual meeting, such as the Committee on Order of Business and the Resolutions Committee.

Nine motions were referred to SBC agencies. Among those are:

— Two dealing with the Christian Life Commission and abortion.

— A request that the Foreign Mission Board reconsider its policy against appointing deaf persons as missionaries. (Board officials have said the board has no policy against appointment of deaf persons but has received no requests from overseas fields for mission work with the deaf. Field requests determine missionary assignments. However, board officials actively are exploring needs for deaf

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## Parliamentarian: "I'd do it again"

ATLANTA — C. Barry McCarty, the Church of Christ parliamentarian hired to help Southern Baptist Convention President Charles Stanley during business sessions this year, says he believes God gave him a clear mind to be able to "think things through and be able to make the right decisions."

Never before has he been called upon to assist in a convention such as the Southern Baptist Convention, he said.

"The pressure was intense. There have been 40,000 people out there waiting for you to make split-second decisions — and it wasn't just one split-second decision; it was a hundred split-second decisions."

Not one person has said anything negative to him about his parlia-

tary advice, he said. In fact, he was been "overwhelmed" with messengers stopping him coming and going from the convention center and his hotel, saying "thank you for helping us out."

"I am very appreciative of the warm spirit in which they have received me," he said.

McCarty said Stanley hired him with the admonishment to be "right and fair according to the rules." He said he feels he lived up to this commitment.

"Folks on every side of the issue stopped me to say 'thanks.'"

McCarty said he spent two months of "intensive study of Southern Baptist Convention bylaws and constitution, and studying last year's convention annual."

Additionally, he said he spent

"many hours viewing videotapes of last year's convention in Dallas," then viewed the same tapes with Stanley.

McCarty said he would frequently tell Stanley to "do that again," or "don't do that," and that Stanley was willing to take every piece of advice.

Although Stanley is "not a professional presiding officer," McCarty said, "I have never met one better than he on his willingness to take professional advice."

If asked, McCarty said, "I'd do it again."

McCarty declined to reveal the amount of his fee, saying, "If Dr. (Harold) Bennett (SBC Executive Committee president and treasurer) wishes to release that, he may."

"I will say this," McCarty said, "They paid me a lot less this year than they paid for a lawsuit last year."

## Devotional

### Stay in the running

By Rossie Francis  
Hebrews 12:1-4

I was watching the Goodwill games the other day and I noticed something that you and I have seen time and time again in long distance running. One of the runners jumped out front right away to take the lead. Everybody else didn't just give up or stop, because they knew someone would start off fast and set the pace. In our lives, regardless of the speed of others in the race, you and I must keep pace with the Lord (Holy Spirit) and keep running. Three divine resources that can help you keep running are listed below.

First, we must look at the winners. In verse 1, the witnesses are the winners. They are the heroes of faith from Hebrews, chapter 11. This great cloud of witnesses are not witnessing what we are doing; rather they are bearing witness to One that can see through us and see us through. God bore them witness and they are now bearing us witness. You are not the only one with problems. Joseph had family problems; Moses said the job was too much; David was tempted to retaliate. The Lord brought them through these testings (trials).

Second, look at yourself. See if you are carrying some problems or situations that will weigh you down or even slow you down. You can't run very well with weights on. You must get rid of any and everything that hinders your progress. A winning athlete does not choose between good and bad; he chooses between the better and the best. Look inside of you; examine yourself and see what's holding you back. Unbelief kept Israel back.

Third, look at Jesus. Focus your attention on him (behold him). "Looking unto Jesus" involves an attitude, not just a single act. This involves shame, suffering, opposition (contradiction) of sinners, and even temporary rejection by the Father. How did our Lord endure the cross? No! He didn't use divine power to endure the cross. It was our Lord's faith that enabled him to endure. He kept the eye of faith on the "joy that was set before him."

Are you familiar with the poem or story of the Homecoming? Remember, the missionary came back to his homeland to retire. One of our presidents was on the same ship that the missionary came on. As they docked, the president was received back by thousands of people, bands, and a limousine. No one waited to greet the missionary, and he was a little discouraged after the 30 to 40 years of service. As he thought about the president's reception, his wife interrupted him and reminded him that he was not home yet. We haven't seen the half of the things that God has prepared for them that love him. Keep running the race.

Rossie Francis is pastor, Faith Obedience Baptist Church, Biloxi.

### Algoma commissions two

Algoma Church, Pontotoc County, on June 1, during the morning worship service, commissioned Roger and Penny Stacy to go to the foreign mission field in south Brazil. Roger will serve as a general evangelist.

Interim pastor James Travis recognized the guests of honor and all of the relatives of the couple: Sonya Faith, 12; Sara Renae, 10; and Benjamin Dean 5. Roger and Penny gave

their testimonies during the service, and the missionary organizations gave support statements from WMU director, Wilma Stahl; GA leader, Weezie Corder; Acteen leader, Diane Hegan; and the RA leader, Walter Chittom.

Algoma was organized in October 1905. Roger was the third minister ordained by the church in January 1972.



Pictured from left, row 1 are: Benjamin Stacy, Weezie Corder, James Travis; row 2: Sara, Sonya, and Penny Stacy; Ruebel Winters, chairman of deacons; row 3: Diane Hegan, Wilma Stahl, Walter Chittom and Roger Stacy.

The members of Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, invite you to a reception honoring

**Mrs. Hubert Q. Pray**

Church organist/music assistant 1956-66, 1967-86  
Church Fellowship Hall Sunday, July 20  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

## Elizabeth Lee wins speakers' tournament

Elizabeth Lee of Forest Church, Forest, represented Mississippi Baptist young people at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, July 12-18, during Church Training Leadership week there. She went because she won the state Baptist Speakers' Tournament, sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The speakers' and Bible drill tournaments were held at Alta Woods Church, Jackson on May 3.

The finals for the Bible Drill were called the state youth selection tournament. Winners were Steven Rutledge and Tiffany Earls.

Rutledge is a member of First Church, Kosciusko, and represented Mississippi at Glorieta, June 30-July 6 during Church Training Leadership/Youth Week. Miss Earls, a member of Yale Street Church, Cleveland, represented Mississippi at Ridgecrest, July 12-18 during Church Training Week. Tracey Rawls, a member of Oral Church, Lamar Association, was alternate.

As early as last October, participants in the Bible Drills began memorizing Bible verses, locating scripture, books, and verses. Each participated in a church drill, associational drill, and the state finals. In the state finals, participants were drilled twice and had to make two mistakes or fewer in locating books and verses within eight seconds.

At the selection tournament, 38 young people were participants. The total number in the state drills for 1986 was 1,853. This does not include the total number from churches and associations who did not participate in the state drills.

You can battle to the top or bottle to the bottom.

The best thing to spend on your children is your time.

## Seminary elects two to faculty

NEW ORLEANS — Trustees of New Orleans Seminary have elected two new faculty members, including a Mississippi native.

Jerry E. Oswalt, a native of Starkville, Miss., was elected associate professor of preaching. Robert Rex Mathis of Santa Fe, N.M., was elected assistant professor of religious education. Both appointments became effective July 1.

Oswalt, 48, has been serving as director of missions for Baldwin Baptist Association in Silverhill, Ala. He holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Mathis, 38, has been minister of education and administration at First Baptist Church of Santa Fe since 1981. A native of Harrison, Ark., he holds degrees from Wayland Baptist University, Texas A&M University, the University of Texas at El Paso, and Southwestern Seminary.



Elizabeth Lee of Forest Church, Forest, won the Speaker's Tournament. She is pictured with Robin Nohols, consultant, state Church Training Department.



Pictured are Bible Drill selection tournament finalists. From left, front row: Tiffany Earls, Steven Rutledge; back row: Devona Ladner, Adriana Fillingane, Craig Shaw, Tracey Rawls, Veronica Henry, and Bethany Brantley.



## Intensive care

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### A recovering alcoholic

The following is an excerpt from a letter of a former patient to the counselors at Mississippi Baptist Chemical Dependency Center:

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I now share in a recovery program with others who have problems with alcohol and drugs, telling what you each have told me. I recall clearly the small groups and how I heard a certain person talk about an experience

that made so much sense. I think about that time as though I had been asleep to the real world for a long time and suddenly awoke. Everything was fresh and new, and not necessarily very much fun. I now have only the sincerest gratitude, and I share what you shared with me when I'm offered the chance.

Questions addressed to Intensive Care are forwarded to Chaplain Joe Stovall at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and are handled in consultation with Dr. Ed. Burchak of the staff of the Chemical Dependency Center. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

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## Southwestern Seminary meets Mabee challenge

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has met a financial challenge but now faces a physical one.

The seminary has met a challenge from the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., to provide funding for renovation of Scarborough Hall. Now construction crews are scurrying to complete one floor of classrooms and another wing of offices in time for fall classes Sept. 1.

The Mabee Foundation had issued the challenge last November. Southwestern had to raise \$1.2 million toward the project for the foundation

to contribute \$500,000. Renovation of Scarborough Hall is one project in Upward 90, Southwestern's five-year, \$50 million development campaign.

Foundation trustee John Cox of Fort Worth, Texas, presented President Russell H. Dilday with the \$500,000 check at a recent luncheon.

Scarborough Hall houses classrooms and offices for the school of theology, the president's office, business affairs suite and registrar's office. It is the west wing of the B. H. Carroll Memorial Building.

Renovation will be done in phases through 1988 to avoid disrupting classes.

## Oklahoma volunteers beaten on mission trip to Zambia

By Norman Jameson

SAND SPRINGS, Okla. (BP) — Two Oklahoma missions volunteers were arrested in Zambia, and took a beating before being released by the military.

Don Stivers and Eddie Zuniga, two of eight members of Angus Acres Church, here were on a leadership training mission to Zambia in June when they were accosted by a group of nationals led by a man in military uniform. Accused of being South African paratroopers sent to destroy bridges and communications, they were blindfolded and taken away in a commandeered truck. Punched and kicked, the two were told they would die that night.

"I prayed for someone to intervene that would bring sanity to the situation," said Stivers, on his first overseas mission trip.

Meanwhile, the Catholic priest, was contacted by church people who saw the incident. Though not sympathetic with Baptist evangelism, he testified in the men's behalf and they were subsequently released.

Then the team members, considering the trauma Stivers and Zuniga had endured, voted on whether to continue the mission or just return home.

Although fear had gripped them all, Stivers said he had no doubt the mission would continue and he and the others would go to their field assignments the following day. Zuniga was afraid missionary John Sapp was going to end it.

"I actually felt the Lord's presence and his peace," said Stivers, "not to mention what it's done for my faith. This has given me more courage. (The apostle) Peter talked of faith being purified through a refiner's fire. I feel like I've gone through a little bit of the fire, and it's made me a stronger person of me."

With the trauma behind them, the team proceeded in pairs into the bush country where evangelistic teams from the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists had preached the year before. The Angus Acres teams were to develop leadership for new churches resulting from the previous year's efforts. They also held evangelistic services at night.

Churches were packed and people responded to the altar calls until there was no more room at the front of the

church. "God blessed the effort tremendously," said team member Randy Shuler. "The results made the trip well worth it."

Both Stivers and Zuniga are ready to return to Zambia. They have a stake in the work now. "There's more important things to do in life than worry about whether you're going to get beat up or not," Stiver said. "Nowhere in the Bible does it say there won't be opposition. But it does say you will win."

Norman Jameson writes for the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

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# Senior Adult Corner

## Last of four senior adult weeks set

Senior adults will gather for the last week of four conferences Aug. 19-23 at Gulfshore. "Walking With God — One is Never Alone" Fred Moseley, pastor emeritus, First Church, Lucedale, and formerly of the Home Mission Board and New Orleans Seminary, will be the preacher.

Fuller B. Saunders, Jackson, retired, former pastor of Woodland Hills of Jackson and First Church, Houston, will be the Bible teacher. R. L. and Beth Sigrest, music evangelists, Yazoo City, will lead the music with Art Nelson, Jackson, at the organ.

Conference leaders will include: Sam Satterwhite, senior adult consultant, Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Ethel McKeithen, Jackson; Cortez Hutt-



The senior adults of Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc Association, were honored on May 18 with a special day. On Saturday night, May 17, they were honored by the pastor, deacons, and wives at the home of pastor Lyndle Davis with a supper.

chison, Yazoo City; Barry Worrell, Grenada; Jan Lukens, Biloxi; and J. Clark Hensley, Jackson.

Additional special music will be given by First Church, Long Beach, on Thursday night. Participants will receive a complimentary copy of a special 24 page booklet prepared by

Hensley on the program theme.

The uniform cost for senior adults for a five-day conference is \$109.25 per person. To make reservations, send \$30 per person with name and address to Frank Simmons, Manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571.

## Flurry of convention motions —

(Continued from page 4) ministry on the mission fields.)

— A proposal, referred to all six SBC seminaries, requesting them to adopt a "directional statement" and to require each professor to "sign a statement indicating complete agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message and willingness to teach only in agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message."

— A recommendation that SBC agency employees be allowed to serve as convention messengers only if they attend the annual meeting at their own expense or at the expense of their local church or association, referred to each agency.

Two motions were referred to the Peace Committee, one requesting it to conduct a conventionwide survey

"concerning theological differences in our convention," and the other asking it to re-open its investigation of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

The increase in motions during SBC annual meetings has prompted some observers to ask how many motions the convention can receive and still function adequately.

From a technical standpoint regarding the annual meeting itself, the situation is not near crisis proportions, Bradley said.

"It's awfully easy to make any motion about an agency's work, and it must be referred," he explained. "There could be 300 motions if you could rattle them off quickly enough. It is hard to say what the saturation point might be." He said a more appropriate question might be, "How many will the messengers tolerate?"

From the standpoint of agencies, the question of saturation and overload "depends on the nature of the motions," McDonough said. If we get 20 or 30 referrals — all of which require extensive study — year after year, and those began to back up, that could cause problems. But right now, I don't see us reaching a saturation point."

That is good news for the other agencies, since the Executive Committee received 11 times as many referrals as the next-closest agency. So, although they may have to work to dig themselves out, agencies are not likely to be overwhelmed with the avalanche of paperwork the motions caused.

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.

## Venezuelans, missionaries covenant

(Continued from page 3) sionaries there. The missionaries asked him to deliver the covenant to Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and share it with the trustees meeting here during Foreign Missions Week June 24-30.

During the retreat, Corts led a session on spiritual vision and asked the missionaries to consider what would happen if they devoted three hours a day to praying for evangelization and revival in Venezuela. The missionaries compiled a lengthy list of results, such as new churches and more baptisms, but fell silent when Corts asked whether they were willing to pay the price to see those things happen.

Then one missionary broke the silence saying, "Why don't we?" Others joined in, but the group decided to postpone a decision until later in the meeting. Unknown to them at the time, Bryan Brasington, the mission board's director for western

South America, was bringing a video of Parks urging Southern Baptist Convention messengers to pray for "the Lord of the harvest to thrust out laborers."

After they watched the video one evening, the missionaries stood and applauded. The next morning, they made the prayer covenant their first order of business and asked Corts to carry it back to the Ridgecrest meeting. Villamizar, in the United States to attend Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., was at Ridgecrest to speak at Foreign Missions Week and was given a copy of the covenant.

Although missionaries have been working closely with Venezuelan Baptists in many ways, the covenant marked a new level of cooperation, said Villamizar. He particularly was touched to hear the missionaries were resolving to fast, a practice seldom seen among U.S. Baptists but more common in Venezuela. "We're together, and things are going to hap-

pen," he said.

Villamizar said the four churches he led as pastor in Venezuela com-

missioned him as a missionary to the

United States before he arrived to

study.

Venezuelan Baptists in 1980 set a goal of having one million Baptists in Venezuela by the end of the century. At the time, they numbered about 5,000. By the end of 1985, they counted 7,720 members.

Mary Jane Welch writes for the FMB.

## India adopts new policy

(Continued from page 3) according to K. V. Thomas, a member of India's parliament. Thomas, a Catholic and member of India's ruling Congress party, said he does not expect to see the government distinguish between missionaries who work to proselytize Hindus and those

(Continued from page 3) almost totally to agricultural project," said Goatcher.

Much of the coastal strip between Hanoi and Hue was devastated last year when three major typhoons swept ashore in rapid succession. The typhoons destroyed crops, food stocks, buildings, and entire villages. Thousands of people were left without food and health care.

Goatcher monitored the aid distribution of more than two days, visiting remote areas where sacks clearly marked "Rice Donated by Baptist Christians in USA" were being given out. "I sensed their desire to document in detail all that had been done, and to demonstrate to my satisfaction that everything was in order," he said.

Goatcher traveled with senior officials to hospitals and village clinics where medicine from Southern Baptists, also clearly marked, was being used. "I came away convinced that the aid went where it was intended to go, that it was desperately needed, that it was appreciated, and that it

would not be hauled away later for other uses," he said.

Language limitations barred Goatcher from carrying on extensive conversations with people in the villages. But enough English was understood for the people who understand who he was, that Christians were providing the relief, and that a Christian organization was being recognized by the government," Goatcher said.

Goatcher does not anticipate Southern Baptist missionaries returning to live in Vietnam in the immediate future, as they did in South Vietnam from 1959 until 1975. But he said the opportunity to contact Christians in Vietnam could show them the world is aware of their plight and people are praying for them as they stand in the face of suffering.

"Life is difficult in Vietnam, especially for Christians, and there is a great need for them to have a sense of being a part of the wider fellowship of Christians in other parts of the world," he said.

Marty Croll writes for the FMB.

## Bennett says schools should teach Judeo-Christian religious tradition

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — The modern tendency of schools to omit teaching Judeo-Christian traditions and values threatens the future of religious freedom in the United States, Secretary of Education William Bennett told members of the American Jewish Committee at a meeting here.

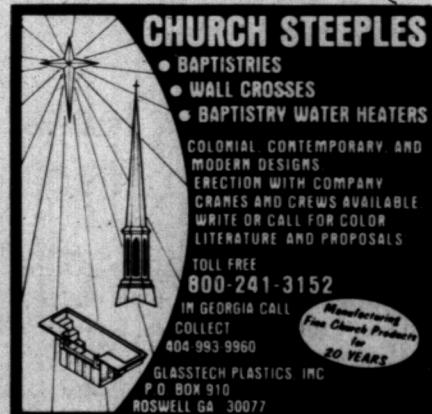
Bennett said the Judeo-Christian ethic, along with the democratic ethic and work ethic, was central to America's "common culture," and asserted, "the vitality of religious freedom itself is tied to the vitality of the Judeo-Christian tradition."

Bennett said it is understandable that educators would want to avoid controversy, particularly regarding a sensitive topic like religion, but said that if this fear of controversy "means that our students will grow up ignorant of the role of religion, of religious freedom and religious faith in American life, then surely we will have badly failed them."

## Commentary is out in Russian

MOSCOW — An international Baptist group from the USA and Canada, led by Baptist World Aid Director Archie Goldie, took part in a ceremony early this year in the Moscow (Central) Baptist Church dedicating the first five volumes of the William Barclay Commentary on the New Testament, which have been translated into the Russian language.

The project, which already has extended over five years, is being jointly funded by Baptist World Aid and the Mennonite Central Committee. In all, twelve of the seventeen-volume series are now printed in Russian, and translation is completed for most of the remaining volumes, "Baptist World" reported.



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Dot Pray sits at the console of the organ at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson.

## Colonial Heights proclaims Dot Pray Day, July 20

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, will celebrate Dot Pray Day on Sunday, July 20. The church will hold a reception in honor of Mrs. Pray from 2:30 until 4:30 that day, and the public is invited.

Mrs. Pray resigned on June 29 as church organist at Colonial Heights, after serving the church 28 years and seven months as pianists and/or organist.

She and her late husband, Hubert Q. Pray, joined Colonial Heights Church on November 18, 1956. Immediately she became the church pianist. (Later she moved to the console of the Baldwin electric organ.)

Her husband was chairman of the Building Committee for the church's first permanent structure. Also he served as deacon, choir director, soloist, church treasurer, and adult SS director. (He died April 9, 1975.)

The Prays and their four children moved to Vicksburg in 1966. (Randy is now Mrs. Bill Bower of Clinton; Pat is Mrs. Robert Sned of Jackson; Buster is minister of music at First Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Scott is Supervisor of Operations for WLOX-TV, Biloxi.) In 1967, they returned to

Jackson and Colonial Heights. Mrs. Pray again became church organist and remained in that position until June 29 of this year.

She has worked with various children's choirs for about 20 years, and has been director of Colonial Carillons (handbell choir) for 10 years.

Her first experience in accompanying hymn singing came as substitute pianist in the Junior Sunday School Department of First Baptist Church, McComb, under the leadership of her father, M. T. Rhodes, who at age 83 is still the song leader for an older children's department in the same church.

Mrs. Pray has been a music specialist in keyboard (piano and organ) with the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, since Oct. 1, 1976.

She has been organist for the State WMU convention for the past five years, and has coordinated keyboard music for the state evangelism/Bible conference for six years.

She has been faculty member and/or instrumentalist for Church Music Weeks and other conferences at Ridgecrest, Glorieta, and Gulfshore.

## Revival Dates

Satartia, Satartia: July 18-20; 7 p.m.; homecoming, July 20, 11 a.m.; Emerson Tedder, Calvary, Yazoo City, evangelist, Earl Budlove, pastor.

Prospect, Richton: homecoming, July 20, Tom Reeves, former pastor, speaking in afternoon service, dinner; July 21-25; 7 p.m.; Fred Selby, Main Street, Hattiesburg, evangelist.

Cranfield (Adams): July 20-25; Robert Jones, pastor, Washington Church, evangelist; Phil and Dawn Williams, Pearl, music; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; preaching, 11; dinner will follow; Church Training, 6 p.m., with preaching at 7; Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; John L. Jones, pastor.

High Hill (Neshoba): July 20-23; Grady Collins, evangelist; Paul H. Leber, pastor.

## Homecomings

Antioch, Columbus: July 20; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; Banks Hardy, former pastor, bringing message; dinner in fellowship hall; youth choir presenting the musical "More Than Wonderful" after dinner; Jimmy Harrington, pastor; Mac Pace, minister of music.

# FMB talks of world strategy; 3,050 cities now over 100,000

By Bob Stanley

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Sharing the gospel with all the world will involve outreach to almost twice as many cities of more than 100,000 people as previously thought, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board learned at its June meeting.

Researcher David Barrett told board trustees that 3,050 cities now have 100,000 or more residents. The total of such cities may reach 5,000 by the end of the century, he added.

In 1984 the United Nations listed 1,677 cities with 100,000 or more population, Barrett said, but the number continued to grow as he compiled data from both religious and secular sources. The number of megacities, those with a million or more people, has increased from 20 in 1900 to 276 today, he pointed out.

In 1900, Barrett said, only about 2 percent of the world's 1.6 billion population lived in cities of 100,000 or more and only 14 percent could have been considered urban dwellers. Today 27 percent of the world's 5 billion people live in these larger cities and 44 percent are urban dwellers.

The board heard preliminary findings from Barrett's research as it continued an in-depth study of how Southern Baptists can work more effectively in doing their part to take the gospel to all people by the year 2000. This is the overarching goal of Bold Mission Thrust, a comprehensive evangelistic plan adopted in 1976 by the 14.4-million-member denomination.

Board President R. Keith Parks told trustees in February the board must look carefully at all it is doing and work closely with leaders of Baptist groups with which it relates overseas to develop a global strategy if Southern Baptists are to accomplish their Bold Mission Thrust goals.

In dialogue sessions held during Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, the board identified prayer, partnership,

and planning as key ingredients in development of a realistic strategy.

"We will not do any more in global evangelization than we are now doing unless there is an intensification of prayer among Southern Baptists," Parks said. Noting every great spiritual movement has started in prayer, he asked trustees to be ready to decide at their next meeting in September whether the board should draw up a prayer covenant as a challenge to all church members in the denomination.

Southern Baptists have set goals of having 5,000 missionaries overseas by the end of the century, but Parks said no one has really been able to determine what it will cost to support a force of this size. Ten thousand volunteers a year are expected to supplement their work. The denomination is on target on both of these goals, with a present missionary force of about 3,700 and with more than 6,700 volunteers overseas last year.

"The very mandate to engage in a worldwide mission could only be given simultaneously with the gift of the Holy Spirit, for without him it cannot be done," he said, adding Southern Baptists must get under a "prayer burden" if they expect God to use them in winning the people of the world to faith in Jesus Christ.

The willingness to work with other Baptists and other Christians surfaced as a major theme in the board's discussions. A year ago at Ridgecrest, representatives of Baptists from 21 nations initiated the move for cooperative planning at the first global evangelization strategy consultation.

Parks said events of the past year have strengthened his conviction God is leading in this effort. He cited progress made by Baptists in Asia and other areas in starting to plan together as they prepare to send their own missionaries to people of other lands and cultures.

A number of inquiries concerning

global evangelization came after Parks mailed out copies of "World-Class Cities and World Evangelization," a book by Barrett published earlier this year. Barrett, an Anglican missionary who edited the World Christian Encyclopedia, came to Richmond, Va., on a contractual basis a year ago to assist the board full time in research needed to implement its Bold Mission objective.

In working with other Baptists and other denominations, Parks said, the Foreign Mission Board must never forget its primary purpose is winning people to a saving faith in Christ through evangelism that results in churches.

But he added: "This world is bigger than Southern Baptists. There are Christian groups out there that are doing good things, and there are some others that ought to be doing more. And if God could use us to challenge them to be more aggressively involved in global evangelization, it would be a sin against a lost world and against our Lord not to allow ourselves to be involved in that way."

Better planning may mean the board will need to create a high-level administrative group charged with development of a worldwide strategy, Parks said. But he emphasized that in considering this approach, the board and staff must avoid the impression that "we are suddenly going to begin deciding everything in Richmond."

About 250 letters were received from missionaries on the field offering their suggestions on how global strategy can best be implemented.

Parks said he and other staff members would take the board's input, along with that received earlier from missionaries and staff, and seek prayerfully during the summer months to formulate some specific plans. These will be brought back to the board in September and October for further consideration.

Bob Stanley writes for the FMB.

## Wayne Todd dies at 72

Wayne E. Todd, 72, former pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, died July 10, at Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. July 14 at Lakewood Memorial Park, Jackson.

A native of Stone County, Miss., Todd was the son of the late Edward Lawson and Sylva Davis Todd. He was a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Todd retired in 1978 after 19 years as director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church media library department. He subsequently was a pastor of Grassland Heights Church in Franklin, Tenn., and associate pastor of Judson Baptist Church. Before joining the board, he

served as pastor in Mississippi and Kentucky.

He had been guest preacher and revival leader at many churches, interim pastor of churches in Kentucky and Tennessee and guest professor at seminaries in Kentucky, California, and North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtis Haynie Todd; son, Michael L. Todd of Nashville; daughters, Mrs. Vivian Todd Wooley and Miss Laura Lee Todd, both of Houston, Texas; two sisters, one brother; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn. or to the library at Mississippi College in Clinton.

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# SCRAPBOOK

## After Vacation Bible School prayer

Cynthia Chandler Howell, author of the following poem, was Vacation Bible School director at Rawls Springs Church, Lebanon Association, last year, and elected again for this year.

Also Mrs. Howell is church janitor, and has been since 1984. She says, "I like this job as janitor better than any other job I've ever had. There is something special about being responsible for the Lord's house. It is an indescribable feeling to stand alone at the end of a Sunday as I turn out the lights in the auditorium and think of all the things that went on in the place that day — all the words spoken and sung, individual lives that came together for a united purpose, all the lives affected."

She works with senior adults in her church, is Baptist Women mission support chairman, and teaches a class of adult women. She is married to Byron Howell; they have four children, John, 15; Matthew, 12; Dinah, 3; and Luke, 2.

Last year after Bible School, as she was cleaning the church, she recalls, she realized that some of the children who had come to the VBS might not go to church at any other time of the year. In this poem she recorded some of her thoughts she had as she cleaned.

Vacation Bible School is over,  
For this year it is through.  
All the teachers have gone home  
Wi. e there is plenty to do.  
The church house is all quiet  
You can hear a pin drop.  
It has been straightened and cleaned  
With vacuum, broom, and mop.  
As I walk down the hall  
And in each room peek,  
There is not a single trace left  
Of such a noisy, active week.  
But what of the children  
Where did they all go?  
And what of their lives,  
Are there changes that show?  
Lord, some of these children  
Will go a very long while  
Before they hear of you again  
Or feel a warm Christian smile.  
Were we able to firmly plant a seed

That will stay  
And through the work of the Spirit  
Take root some day?  
What an impossible task  
In five short days  
To teach a small child truths  
That will guide his ways,  
When most other influences  
In his everyday life  
Only point to futility,  
Troubles, and strife.  
Lord, through your Helper  
The Holy Spirit bold,  
Bring to their remembrance  
What in your name has been told.  
And bring them back to us  
For more opportunity still  
To teach them of you and  
Your loving will.

—Cynthia Chandler Howell  
Hattiesburg

### The first stone

Embarrassed,  
Humiliated, I was taken before Christ.  
He was seated in the temple  
Teaching wrong from right.

Slowly,  
Carefully, he started writing on the ground.  
In the face of my accusers  
I felt God's love abound.

Humility,  
Compassion, he didn't lift his face.  
He knew without seeing  
My shame and disgrace.

Power,  
Authority, himself in God's will,  
He faced my accusers  
With eyes of steel.

Oh God!

He that is without sin  
Let him cast the first stone;  
No man can condemn thee  
Whether right or wrong.

—Annette Galloway  
Natchez

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld.

### Children's section

Editor:

Hi, my name is Karen Rogers and I thought that it would be nice if you had a children's section in the Baptist Record. If you are wondering what my age is, I am 9½ and I like the Baptist Record. I like to read it sometimes.

Well I have to go now. I hope to see a children's section soon.

Karen Rogers  
Rt. 2, Box 535  
Silver Creek, MS 39663

Thank you. We are looking for sources to be able to do just that. A step in that direction was the reason for putting in the Geografun: (For Young Readers) sections in the paper. We hope to be able to add to that shortly. — Editor.

### The convention vote

Editor:

The 54-46 percent vote of the SBC Messengers in the presidential election does not constitute a mandate of the fundamentalists to rule or ruin. Had the outgoing president's message been scheduled at a time other than just before the voting, the result very well could have been even closer.

In his convention message, President Rogers called for unity in witnessing to the whole world and is said to believe wholeheartedly in Bold Mission Thrust. Thus it could be construed that he would diligently work to implement the resolution that called for a minimum of 10 percent of undesignated funds from all the churches for the Cooperative Program, a \$6,000,000 increase having been budgeted.

The Peace Committee, having been

extended for one full year, at last is in a strong bargaining position and should be encouraged and supported without reservation.

"Blessed (happy-to be congratulated) are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

It is suggested that the fundamentalists and moderates declare a truce, lower their voices, say less, pray more, cease and desist the backbiting and take time to read and heed the advice of the great teacher, Gamaliel, as found in Acts 5:34, 39 (Liv. N.T.) which in part says . . . leave these men alone, if what they teach and do is merely their own, it will soon be overthrown. But if it be of God you will not be able to stop them, lest you find yourselves even fighting against God.

Marvin E. Taylor  
Hamilton

### Conservative vs conservative

Two recent experiences convince me that Southern Baptists are sometimes fighting over the same or very similar principles. While attending the recent convention in Atlanta, my wife and I sat near five men from Kentucky. During one session we voted several times to allow the minority side to be heard and represented. Two of these men became very vocal and made remarks directed to us about liberals. A while later my wife and I applauded and amen'd Rev. Rogers several times during his sermon. This seemed to have confused the men, for they suddenly became quiet and then relocated to a nearby area.

A second incident began when a

pastor friend of mine in another state learned that our church was getting a new pastor. My friend politely implied that this was another liberal coming to our church. However, a bi-vocational pastor here in Mississippi was overjoyed to learn that we are finally getting a conservative preacher.

It seems that our judgment of others is often based on our own prejudices and where we stand on issues as we see them. Webster's dictionary gives some good characteristics for both conservative and liberal such as, generous, openhanded, moderate, cautious. Maybe we are all a little bit of both.

Name withheld  
by request

### Tribute to Mrs. Morgan

Dear editor:

I am writing this as a tribute in memory of Mrs. W. C. (Kate) Durham, as everyone knew her) Morgan. Mrs. Morgan went to be with our Lord on June 5. She had been seriously hurt in a wreck several weeks before her death.

I want to tell you how much she meant to me and no telling how many more. The only regret that I have is what a short time I knew her. She was the kind of person you felt like that you had known all of your life. I only knew her two and a half years.

A friend invited me to go to Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, and join her Sunday School class. Oh, how I thank God that I had the privilege to be in her class that short time.

One thing I do know for sure. My life has been very much enriched and blessed in untold amounts. Oh, how many precious memories I have about her! One who loved her.

Sunshine Powell  
Buford Yerger Retirement Center  
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### Forced terminations

Editor:

I am concerned about the recent outbreak of forced resignations from church staff members across the state. It seems that increasingly churches are acting upon recommendations of small groups of members who control church policy and are forcing staff members to resign with little or no consideration for the feelings of the church body.

Church members are more and more coming to church and finding that in the week between this Sunday and last, a loved and cherished church staff member has been fired or forced to resign.

Explanations for the firings and resignations are usually non-existent or very nebulous, and questioning church members are usually told their questions are out of order, or they are made to feel that they are questioning the will of God or quenching the Spirit.

It is hard for this observer to understand how being concerned about the treatment of fellow Christians who have made church ministries their life's work can be construed as questioning God's will.

We are to regard our brother's plight as if it were our own, if I understand the words of our Lord; and I can do no less than demand to know the reasons for these forced resignations.

I wonder sometimes, if these staff members were our brothers, fathers, mothers and sisters, if we would be so timid and shy, so willing not to ask why.

I feel like a coward as I consider my own unwillingness to ask the questions that need to be asked. I hope somehow I can find the courage to change and begin to make my church's business my business. Let's all resolve to be fair and open in all our church business, even as it regards church staff members.

Otherwise, these mysterious firings based on secret charges from anonymous people will continue.

Howard E. Polson  
Jackson

### Discouraging witnessing

Editor:

I am writing this letter in light of the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta this past June. I kept up with the happenings of the convention through the Jones County Baptist Association the best I could, and I found it to be very discouraging. What gets me is the fact that two groups of the same denomination can actually argue over what they believe. I am 21 years old. I know I still have a lot to learn; but the way I see it, the most important thing we must remember is that Jesus Christ came to earth and died for our sins at Calvary.

During our church outreach, I was witnessing to a young man a few years older than I am. He came back with a reply, "What's so good about the Baptists. They don't even know what they believe." I wonder if our leaders in the convention realize how discouraging that is for a Christian. The Bible says in I Timothy 4:12 "be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I just ask that our leaders to reflect back on their attitudes and see what they think.

Stacy Breedlove  
Laurel

A doctor testified that prayer was his greatest source of strength. To him it became a greater power than any offered by medicine or science. He asked, therefore: "If a remarkable new food were to be discovered, a substance that fed body and mind alike, that was available to all, that cost nothing, that could be obtained at any time, in any place — would any turn away from it and refuse it?" — The Vagabond.

# Faces And Places

by anne washburn mc williams

Whoever looks after such matters got a surprise. The plane door would not close, so we stayed on the ground an extra hour in Dallas.

Since in November I had seen snow at the Seattle airport, I expected cool weather even in June. But I stepped out into a 90-degree day. Winter clothes for the National Federation of Press Women communications conference felt good, though, because the downtown Sheraton evidently kept its thermostat set at 40.

The sun stayed out for my ferry ride to Poulsbo, Washington, and a salmon dinner at Kiana Lodge prefaced by a cup of hot clam soup and followed by a night visit to a fairy-tale gift shop in a spruce forest. Ruby Graham (Meridian) and Mary Lou Webb (Meadville) were the only Mississippians I saw there.

"If you see only one thing in Seattle, see everything," says the ads. "Come on up to the Space Needle, and put Mr. Rainier, the Olympics, Puget Sound, all the lakes, all the islands, Pioneer Square . . . the Pike Place market . . . and all the rest . . . at your feet." My roommate, Ethel Hanft of Iowa, and I met her great-nephew and his friend at the Space Needle. Everybody had told me it rains often in Seattle. I don't know why I should have been surprised when the Saturday afternoon sunshine changed to a stormy downpour as we stepped off the monorail. My umbrella — naturally — was in my suitcase at the hotel. The newspaper I bought was only an imaginary umbrella. At the top of the Needle, I forgot my drowned condition while I enjoyed the people around me and the world spread out below.

Ethel and our other roommate, Grace Boul, got a surprise from a policeman when they crossed the street on a "Don't Walk" light. He told them it would cost them \$19 each if he saw them do that again.

A Mississippi Press Woman first: Robin French of McComb High School won first place in the editorial division of NFPW's high school journalism contest. She was honored with other high school winners at the conference.

## M. E. Harrington

Her name was Mary Eugenia, but I've never heard her called anything other than M. E. My husband had six sisters and two brothers. M. E., third from the oldest, died June 20 at University Medical center in Jackson, at 74. She had leukemia for several years.

All of her life she had lived in the Simpson County community near Corinth Baptist Church, a few miles from Magee. When her husband, Monroe Harrington, died, the two had been married for more than 50 years, I know, because I remember attending their golden wedding anniversary reception at the church, where

If you plan to be in Seattle, why not visit Victoria, Vancouver, and Juneau, too? A few years ago I rode a boat up Puget Sound to Victoria, had tea at the Empress Hotel, and toured the marvelous Butchart Gardens. This year some of the press women (not I) went on a day's excursion to the Expo at Vancouver.

I and 26 others on a post-convention vacation tour flew to Juneau Sunday afternoon and stayed until Tuesday. Hollis Bryant had told me it rains con-

## Surprises

stantly in Juneau. But the sun surprised me by shining almost the whole time. I was there. Nearly all night, too. It was still light when I went to bed at midnight.

This, the most scenic of capital cities, got its beginning in 1880 when Joe Juneau and Richard Harris discovered gold in one of its creeks, and started a mining camp. Often compared to a village in the Swiss Alps or on one of Norway's fjords, Juneau can be reached only by air or water. Its waters are tempered by the warm Japanese current. I heard a tour bus driver say the coldest he'd seen it in his city was 8 below zero, and the hottest, 87 degrees. That day it was 70. No igloos. Surprised? In fact, Bern Keating of Greenville wrote in *Travel and Leisure* that the only igloo he could remember seeing in many trips through Alaska at all seasons was "a styrofoam joke maintained with tongue in cheek by the Eskimos of Kotzebue."

Since a short walking tour could encompass most of downtown, and since I knew the population was only 25,000, I was really surprised to read that the city is the largest in North America in terms of square mileage, and second in size only to Kiruna, Sweden, in the world. When they took the city of Douglas and the whole county of Juneau into the city limits, it gave them 3,108 sq. miles!

One special surprise was the invitation from Governor Bill Sheffield to come up to his house for a reception

(though he planned to be away.) The house, with white columns in front and a totem pole by the side door, was opened first in 1913, and remodeled in recent years for a couple of million. Third floor is for VIPs who visit. I didn't get invited there. The hostess, Mrs. N. Hewlett, gave the other press women and me such a warm welcome that she made us feel right at home.

Also the chef, a young woman wearing a red-checked kerchief, kept bringing in more refreshments. Her pastries were so tender they would fall apart at the touch. (She got her chef's training in Sarasota, Fla., she said.) The pickles and scones and open-face sandwiches were so unusual that I could not identify many of the ingredients. But they were so unusually good that most of us kept eating and eating. I decided (possibly others did, too) this could easily replace supper. With food so high, that was a plus. (I had bought a small box of candy for \$12 and a small can of salmon for \$4.)

From my ninth floor window in Hotel Baranof, I could look up at the snow on the top of Mt. Juneau, and watch the waterfall tumbling down to Gold Creek.

Mendenhall Glacier, 13 miles from downtown Juneau, is one of the most beautiful views I have ever seen. I was wildly taking pictures of nunataks (look it up) and crevasses and great chunks of blue ice that had calved from the edge of the river of ice into Mendenhall Lake. There in my lens eye appeared — to my astonishment — Gladys Clement of Jackson (she works with Bryan Tours, and when I first came to Jackson she was secretary to Dr. Douglas Hudgins at First Baptist Church), and Johnnie Love Myers of Holly Springs.

Alaska Airlines, to my surprise, provided a printed prayer of thanks for the food. I found one on my snack tray, quoting Psalm 92:1 — "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to thy name, O most high."

Isn't it wonderful that God includes surprises for us — in the weather, in the way his world works, and in the variety of people on it?

Terry.

Besides W. D., other surviving sisters and brother are Speedy McWilliams, Magee; Etta Hodnet, Odell Pass, and Helen Merchant, who live in or near Louise; Minnie Tullos Thornhill of Brandon; and Vera Harper of Newhebron. She had eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. An older brother, George, died in 1979. One of M. E.'s grandsons, Dale Murphy, died of leukemia as a small child.

"She was so good," Mildred said of her mother-in-law, M. E. And I agree. I remember her as always being composed, unselfish, loving, and kind.

## Am I?

If I'm not fully dressed for show, I'm missing shoes and hat,  
Not ready yet to meet the world;  
Am I now just a "that?"

—Mrs. D. F. Crowe, Greenville

When God conceals me as a child  
In places you can't see,  
Where he, himself, completes my  
frame;  
Am I not really me?

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## Cleary men construct Kentucky mountain home

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. — Thirteen members of the Brotherhood of Cleary Church in Florence, Gene Gillis, pastor, recently donated their time, talent, labor, materials, and money to construct a home for a mountain family in Whitley County, Ky.

The volunteer group participated in the Mountain Outreach Program of Cumberland College located in Williamsburg.

Volunteers from Cleary were Jim Abernathy, Ed Green, Jimmy House, Bill Lieb, Matt Lorch, Ken Munn, Bobby Porter, Steve Roberts, John Thornton, Kevin Vaughn, Harold Weeks, Bob Whatley, and Junior Willing.

Mountain Outreach was formed in 1981 by two Cumberland College

students who saw the need for improving the housing and environmental conditions of the mountain people of Southeastern Kentucky.

They began their work by cleaning and repairing homes and providing other needed assistance.

Then, in the summer of 1983, Mountain Outreach built six homes in Whitley County. More than 200 volunteers from eight churches in six states participated.

During the summer of 1986, ten church groups from seven states will construct five homes.

The homes are not given free or as "handouts" to the families. Instead, the families are charged for the costs of the materials in small monthly payments which may be spread over a 20-year period.

## Hardy team camps in desert to witness to Navajos

The Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico has a group of Mississippians visiting this week. The 17-youth, nine-adult mission team from Hardy Baptist Church, Grenada, is spending the week of July 13 teaching and witnessing to the Navajos living in the remote desert area near Farmington, N. Mex.

Bible clubs are being conducted each morning for children and evangelistic services are being held each evening for the entire family. This, according to group member Joy Miller, and Andrew Begaye, a Home Mission Board church starter, is the first attempt to establish a Southern Baptist church in the area.

This is the third mission trip for the church. Previous work led the members to Tennessee and to New York. This time, though, conditions are expected to be more primitive, with no water or electricity readily available. And this time, says Joy Miller, "the team will have the responsibility of being pioneer missionaries

in an area starving for the message of Jesus Christ."

A mission trip finance committee consisting of members James England, Charles and Norma Morgan, and Bill Moss organized fund raisers which exceeded the financial needs of the trip.

Adult leaders on the trip include Ted and Audrey Coats, Butch Briscoe, Mary Nan Caldwell (nurse), John Caldwell (minister of music), Mrs. Jerrie Roberts, Calvin and Joy Miller, and church pastor Gary Black.

There is no church building on the Navajo Reservation in which to teach or preach. The group is being loaned tents and camping supplies for their base camp, while Begaye is arranging for the group to use large canopies, a refillable, 900 gallon water tank, and a generator.

The Hardy mission team began this past April to train its youth team members, enlist adults to accompany them, and raise the needed funds.

## Crane Creek to celebrate 100th

Crane Creek Church, Route 2, Perkinston, will celebrate its centennial on Sunday, June 20 beginning with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. Immediately following the morning services there will be a covered dish luncheon in the church fellowship hall, concluding with afternoon celebration activities.

## Expanded Annuity

## Churches choose new plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan of 1988 since those reported in the June 26 issue of the *Baptist Record*

Alcorn: Holly and First Church, Corinth; Calhoun: Antioch, Concord, and Old Town; Clarke: Mont Rose; Covington: Leaf River;

Gulf Coast: Diamondhead and Perkinston; Hinds-Madison: First Church, Terry and Raymond; Jeff Davis: Bethany; Jones: Houston Road; Lebanon: Providence; Lowndes: Pleasant Hill; Prentiss: Jumpertown; Rankin: Mt. Pisgah; Walthall: Enon; Washington: Alexander Memorial; Wayne: Pleasant Grove; and Winston: Evergreen.

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Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op
ADAMS			CARROLLTON	9,766.74	7,061.12	16,827.86	NEW HOPE	0.00	0.00	PALESTINE	410.93	332.37	743.30		
ADAMS ASSN	0.00	0.00	CENTERVILLE	1,330.55	1,330.55	1,330.55	SALEM	917.81	917.81	PARK HILL	5,714.20	2,034.17	7,760.23		
BETHEL AVE	723.37	612.88	COIL	1,957.12	1,957.12	1,957.12	SALEM	502.81	502.81	PARK HILL	5,714.20	2,034.17	7,760.23		
CALVARY	449.33	507.79	HARMONY	720.00	720.00	720.00	SALEM	980.56	980.56	POCAHONTAS	30,711.23	71,760.23	102,471.46		
CLIFF TEMPLE	0.00	0.00	MAISON	5,956.29	3,905.14	5,956.29	LIBERTY	1,633.58	1,633.58	RAYMOND	13,999.98	12,501.69	26,501.67		
CLOVERDALE	2,635.10	3,460.99	MCARLEY	6,096.09	9,861.43	15,956.58	MAISON	1,104.00	1,104.00	RAYMOND ROAD	6,464.78	9,752.77	18,217.54		
CRANFIELD	1,834.81	1,512.07	NEB	3,346.88	3,346.88	3,346.88	NEB	1,191.00	1,191.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
FBC NATCHEZ	26,028.00	23,082.91	NEB	4,911.00	4,911.00	4,911.00	OLIVE	1,360.65	1,360.65	ROBINSON STREET	5,201.41	6,596.32	11,797.73		
FBC NATCHEZ	26,028.00	23,082.91	NEB	4,911.00	4,911.00	4,911.00	OLIVE	1,360.65	1,360.65	ROBINSON STREET	5,201.41	6,596.32	11,797.73		
MORGANTOWN	15,460.11	9,355.78	NEB	1,717.00	1,717.00	1,717.00	NEB	1,717.00	1,717.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
NEW HOPE	342.34	136.93	NEB	479.70	479.70	479.70	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
PARKWAY	27,638.32	11,870.22	NEB	39,508.54	39,508.54	39,508.54	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
SOUTHERN HILLS	1,624.40	671.22	NEB	2,295.62	NEB	2,295.62	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
SPRINGFIELD	1,303.20	1,238.80	NEB	2,542.00	NEB	2,542.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
STANTON	1,803.55	802.42	NEB	2,605.97	NEB	2,605.97	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
WASHINGTON	11,210.16	5,503.06	NEB	19,718.26	NEB	19,718.26	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
ALCORN	111,612.80	69,010.02	NEB	180,622.82	NEB	180,622.82	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
ALCORN	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
ANTIOCH	1,370.73	2,125.49	NEB	3,496.22	NEB	3,496.22	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
BETHLEHEM	1,208.42	1,106.85	NEB	2,315.27	NEB	2,315.27	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
BODIE CREEK	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
CALVARY	4,493.30	4,912.20	NEB	9,405.36	NEB	9,405.36	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
COUNTY LINE	360.00	1,040.00	NEB	1,400.00	NEB	1,400.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
DANVILLE	63.03	129.41	NEB	192.44	NEB	192.44	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
EAST CORINTH	4,241.29	2,821.09	NEB	7,062.38	NEB	7,062.38	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
FBC BIGGERSVILLE	2,779.58	4,231.64	NEB	7,011.22	NEB	7,011.22	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
FOR CORINTH	41,006.05	16,960.93	NEB	57,937.58	NEB	57,937.58	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
GLENDALE	1,032.33	1,234.80	NEB	2,171.05	NEB	2,171.05	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
HINKLE	1,469.04	1,249.01	NEB	2,718.05	NEB	2,718.05	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
HOLLY	1,531.50	1,873.11	NEB	3,404.61	NEB	3,404.61	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
JACINTO	27.55	97.89	NEB	377.44	NEB	377.44	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
KEMPS CHAPEL	404.98	202.49	NEB	607.47	NEB	607.47	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
KENDRICK	819.47	729.18	NEB	1,588.65	NEB	1,588.65	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
KOSHTU FIRST	1,532.00	1,903.37	NEB	3,435.37	NEB	3,435.37	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
LAWRENCE HILL	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
LONE OAK	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
LOVEJOY	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	0.00	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
NORTH CORINTH	0.00	0.00	NEB	1,455.11	NEB	1,455.11	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
OAKLAND	7,539.00	9,152.29	NEB	16,691.29	NEB	16,691.29	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
RENIET	3,029.30	3,649.83	NEB	6,679.13	NEB	6,679.13	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
SHOH	3,059.89	4,455.86	NEB	7,496.75	NEB	7,496.75	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
SOUTH CORINTH	707.00	2,070.00	NEB	2,813.73	NEB	2,813.73	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.56	16,227.87	30,096.53		
TATE STREET	28,958.03	23,975.13	NEB	52,833.16	NEB	52,833.16	NEB	0.00	0.00	RODGECREST	13,818.				

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30 FRIENDSHIP	2,660.00	1,995.50	4,655.50	50 CENTER HILL	0.00	519.50	519.50	50 COMMUNITY	0.00	563.42	1,391.99	50 SALEM	1,575.34	1,614.98	3,191.32
46 GLADE	11,736.19	1,826.49	16,562.68	50 CORINTH	2,135.72	2,154.41	4,290.13	50 EASTEND	12,329.71	9,309.45	21,639.76	50 SAND HILL	1,525.35	1,226.55	2,750.00
46 GRACE	1,296.59	1,129.00	2,425.59	50 EMMANUEL	722.33	1,946.57	2,669.00	50 FAIRVIEW	77,069.71	29,634.47	105,604.18	50 SARDIS	266.29	266.29	500.00
46 HARMONY	5,258.34	5,192.55	10,450.89	50 FAITH	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 FAITH	1,140.00	0.00	1,140.00	50 SPRING CREEK	5,625.84	6,714.61	12,340.45
00 HEBRON	7,944.30	3,284.32	10,828.62	50 FBC CARTHAGE	14,831.00	14,261.74	29,092.74	50 FBC COLUMBUS	103,834.26	129,407.29	233,241.53	50 TRINITY	1,591.98	2,923.22	6,815.20
67 HIGHLAND	17,078.14	1,611.22	18,689.36	50 FRIENDLY	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 FRIENDSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 W PHILADELPHIA	672.00	572.00	1,144.00
54 HILLCREST	10.80	10.80	21.60	50 GOOD HOPE	1,073.78	936.50	2,010.28	50 FBC STEENS	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 WHITE OAK	305.16	1,112.74	1,417.90
53 HOUSTON ROAD	6,400.51	3,934.45	10,335.20	50 LEAKE ASSN	1,943.14	300.24	2,243.38	50 FRIENDSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NOLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
73 INDIAN SPRINGS	14,885.82	10,780.07	25,565.89	50 LENA	2,415.27	2,333.02	5,149.02	50 IMMANUEL	7,093.53	4,114.16	11,207.69	50 NOLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
67 JONES ASSN	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 MADDEN	2,376.56	2,877.24	5,253.80	50 LAKEVIEW MSH	4,792.25	3,760.00	8,551.25	50 NOLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
00 LOWER CREEK	1,764.96	3,473.30	5,242.76	50 MARS HILL	150.00	340.00	500.00	50 MAYHEW	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NOLAN	0.00	0.00	0.00
41 MAGNOLIA	1,536.68	644.38	2,181.05	50 McDONALD	0.00	30.00	30.00	50 MCREE	340.52	125.00	465.52	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
42 NOSELLE MEM	6,105.06	15,805.05	21,910.11	50 MOUNT CARMEL	154.10	207.00	365.10	50 MOUNT CARMEL	7,333.62	3,249.86	11,783.49	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
78 NYRICK	5,172.37	3,150.30	8,322.67	50 MOUNT ZION	737.00	400.00	1,137.00	50 MOUNT ZION	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
18 NEW HOPE	2,294.97	1,529.51	3,824.48	50 NEW HOPE	284.00	414.00	598.00	50 NEW HOPE	251.90	521.90	773.80	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
34 OAKLAND GROVE	5,810.96	1,997.79	7,808.75	50 NEW PROSPECT	0.00	270.00	270.00	50 NEW PROSPECT	490.00	560.00	1,050.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
34 PARK HAVEN	648.97	1,272.55	1,921.52	50 NEW PROVIDENCE	0.00	70.00	70.00	50 NEW PROVIDENCE	1,222.78	1,354.46	2,577.24	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
49 PINE GROVE	2,288.18	5,309.97	9,518.15	50 NEW ZION	0.00	200.60	200.60	50 NEW ZION	1,000.00	1,242.25	2,244.25	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
50 PLAINVIEW	8,878.59	1,802.59	13,681.18	50 PEACE HILL	575.25	245.94	1,520.19	50 PEACE HILL	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
97 PLEASANT HOME	4,035.01	1,835.57	5,870.58	50 PEAK HILL	200.00	1,570.93	1,770.93	50 PEAK HILL	100.00	400.00	500.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 SAND HILL	1,109.93	0.00	1,109.93	50 RENFROE	72.70	110.00	182.70	50 RENFROE	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
06 SANDERSVILLE	1,364.90	2,288.77	15,593.67	50 SALEH	531.23	0.00	531.23	50 SALEH	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 SELBY CREEK	11,531.91	2,027.27	13,527.23	50 SPRINGFIELD	513.00	0.00	513.00	50 SPRINGFIELD	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 SUMMERLAND	5,506.34	3,056.50	8,562.84	50 SUNRISE	513.00	60.00	60.00	50 SUNRISE	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
71 TALLAHOMA	75.00	0.00	75.00	50 THOMASTOWN	707.00	3,160.00	3,867.00	50 THOMASTOWN	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
11 TRINITY	3,671.78	5,864.87	14,536.65	50 TRINITY	1,492.89	1,572.20	3,162.09	50 TRINITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
56 TUCKERS CROSSING	3,762.25	4,172.95	8,135.22	50 TUSCOLA	600.00	1,309.50	1,909.50	50 TUSCOLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
00 UNITY	880.00	1,445.00	2,325.00	50 WALNUT GROVE	2,132.46	6,977.17	9,103.63	50 WALNUT GROVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
00 ELLISVILLE	16,056.58	9,202.99	25,268.67	50 WIGGINS	393.06	828.09	1,221.15	50 WIGGINS	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
00 LAUREL	15,255.44	9,883.72	25,159.16	50 WILDWOOD	6,244.56	1,006.92	7,241.54	50 WILDWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
335,374.49	229,689.40	565,078.89	1,347,384.69	50 LEBAON	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 LEBAON	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
00 KEMPER	1,032.50	537.73	1,670.23	50 BEACON	600.00	1,130.00	1,730.00	50 BEACON	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
92 BAY SPRINGS	1,750.00	1,501.00	3,251.00	50 BOULEVARD	3,655.95	2,003.25	5,660.00	50 BOULEVARD	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
65 BLACKWATER	62.00	54.00	116.00	50 CALVARY	2,416.23	1,310.00	3,726.23	50 CALVARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
59 CENTER RIDGE	4,290.00	1,915.00	6,205.00	50 CRESTVIEW	2,600.00	2,431.00	5,031.00	50 CRESTVIEW	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
00 CORINTH	988.70	1,525.00	2,513.70	50 CRESTVIEW	8,120.00	9,645.00	17,765.00	50 CRESTVIEW	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
00 DEKALB	2,322.45	6,017.66	8,339.11	50 EAST BUCHIE	8,030.94	8,245.41	16,276.35	50 EAST BUCHIE	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
18 KEMPER ASSN	1,700.30	1,099.00	2,799.30	50 FBC BROOKLYN	7,775.75	4,209.00	11,984.75	50 FBC BROOKLYN	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
73 LIBERTY	700.30	1,099.00	1,799.00	50 FBC GLENDALE	4,209.19	4,157.42	8,329.61	50 FBC GLENDALE	0.00	0.00	0.00	50 NEW CHOCATW	0.00	0.00	0.00
53 SCOBIA	750.00	1,319.42	2,069.4												

# Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board

Jan. 1, 1986-June 30, 1986

Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All				Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All				Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All				Assn. Miss. Designated, WMU & All					
Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total	Co-op	Other	Total
IMMANUEL	478.06	3,018.04	9,091.90	CONCORD	6,394.46	1,733.38	DREW	5,880.55	3,747.11	9,627.76	WASHINGTON	2,182.42	2,124.57	5,130.16	ASSN. MISS.	Designated, WMU & All	Total
LIBERTY HILL	2,254.35	374.15	3,328.51	COUNTY LINE	1,805.73	2,045.59	EASTWOOD	5,594.10	1,113.29	6,707.39	ALEXANDER MFM	1,051.22	1,330.36	2,383.58	ARCOLA		
LOCKE STATION	1,566.67	1,677.32	3,245.99	CROSS ROADS	3,517.61	2,788.14	FAIRVIEW	1,055.70	1,055.70	2,111.40	BOGUE	9,75	9,75	38.90	BOGUE		
MCIVOR	.00	29.00	29.00	CROSSGATES	23,851.65	6,509.22	FBC INDIANOLA	19,483.10	3,350.39	22,833.49	CALVARY	9,643.93	6,350.39	15,999.32	INDIANOLA		
N BATESVILLE	2,045.75	345.00	2,390.75	DAY STAR	2,455.68	2,902.05	FBC INVERNESS	2,700.00	5,990.00	8,680.00	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
PANOLA ASSN	.00	.00	.00	DRY CREEK	1,656.00	220.00	LINN	5,357.77	1,331.45	6,689.22	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
PEACH CREEK	1,595.81	3,333.25	4,929.76	E SIDE PELAHATCH	953.66	90.00	MORHEAD	1,043.56	1,411.37	2,454.93	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
PHASALIA REST	.00	.00	.00	EAST HAVEN	109.40	.00	RODEO	1,093.80	400.00	1,493.00	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
POPE	665.52	725.00	1,450.52	EASTSIDE PEARL	8,951.56	6,113.24	RUNAWAY	15,064.75	400.00	18,064.75	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
ROSE HILL	2,520.00	1,527.00	4,047.00	EUREKA	1,761.75	2,739.50	RULEVILLE	2,290.74	776.00	3,056.74	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
SARDIS LAKE	1,406.16	314.00	1,720.16	FAC BRANDON	81,445.88	40,874.16	SEC INDIANOLA	8,111.77	3,878.27	12,008.04	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
SHADY GROVE	600.00	225.00	665.00	FBC FLOPENCE	12,000.00	13,234.31	SUNFLOWER	2,000.00	4,411.35	6,441.15	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
TOCOWA UNION	1,473.57	446.58	1,920.15	FBC HIGHLAND	16,850.63	5,769.40	W DREW	5,620.00	207.45	5,845.45	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
70,056.87	59,047.93	129,104.80		GALILEE	14,600.00	2,010.00	W DREW	16,700.00	52,623.95	47,899.00	COLONIAL MSN	6,020.00	6,020.00	12,050.00	COLONIAL MSN		
<b>PEARL RIVER</b>				GRANDVIEW	4,819.00	4,591.76	W DREW	9,410.76	5,845.50	13,222.29	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
BETHEL	5,966.58	3,018.59	8,985.17	HICKORY RIDGE	1,251.00	1,920.00	W DREW	3,181.00	2,721.71	2,996.80	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
CENTRAL	3,417.55	2,553.15	5,975.70	JOHNS	1,742.38	1,011.01	W DREW	2,753.39	602.91	3,169.29	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
CORINTH	1,021.00	820.52	1,841.62	LAKE HARBOUR	1,129.53	916.75	W DREW	2,047.47	1,274.64	3,043.32	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
CORTEZ CREEK	1,907.67	914.00	2,721.66	LEESBURG	2,593.94	1,892.57	W DREW	4,543.51	1,043.56	5,587.06	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
DEBBY	1,199.29	912.48	2,111.77	MC LAUPIN HEIGHTS	24,777.24	1,030.24	W DREW	3,807.31	3,043.32	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
EMANUEL	180.79	503.32	588.11	MCLAUD GROVE	7,500.00	5,639.87	W DREW	13,139.87	1,274.64	12,411.52	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
FAITH MEMORIAL	.00	.00	.00	MT PISGAH	2,724.28	1,950.16	W DREW	4,574.44	1,043.56	5,618.00	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
FBC NICHOLSON	2,512.22	1,970.22	4,482.46	MT ZION	2,616.00	2,988.20	W DREW	5,620.25	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
FBC ZIONA	1,381.00	1,097.00	2,478.00	NAKED GROVE	7,377.35	2,033.33	W DREW	9,450.68	1,043.56	10,494.24	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
FBC POPULARVILLE	34,156.62	37,583.92	71,900.04	NAKED GROVE	5,947.99	6,654.38	W DREW	12,024.73	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
FLAT TOP UNTY	20,773.29	16,293.19	37,055.46	PEARL FRUITT MEM	5,947.99	6,654.38	W DREW	12,024.73	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
FORDS CREEK	1,205.31	781.50	1,986.81	PELAHATCHIE	17,450.24	1,030.24	W DREW	3,807.31	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
GOODYEAR	7,502.73	5,279.86	12,781.59	PINE CREST	815.25	729.92	W DREW	1,545.73	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
GRACE MEMORIAL	1,175.88	1,507.00	2,682.88	PINE LAKE	17,440.95	7,632.32	W DREW	25,073.27	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
GUM POND	2,023.60	1,881.30	3,855.10	PROVIDENCE	.00	195.00	W DREW	195.00	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
JUNIPER GROVE	1,628.29	1,655.50	3,283.79	PUCKETT	5,947.99	6,654.38	W DREW	12,024.73	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
N HENLEYFIELD	675.50	2,533.39	5,451.50	NAKED GROVE	987.54	2,252.59	W DREW	3,293.93	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
NEW PALESTINE	13,952.07	8,410.40	22,369.49	ROBINHOOD	872.15	560.76	W DREW	1,432.91	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
OAK HILL	3,184.56	2,207.25	5,391.81	ROCK BLUFF	513.20	466.55	W DREW	1,274.64	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
PARKVIEW	3,032.00	1,003.00	4,035.00	ROCK HILL	1,222.50	1,359.20	W DREW	2,581.70	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
PARKVIEW	1,165.25	1,115.74	2,291.62	STAR	9,059.59	6,479.08	W DREW	15,259.67	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
PARKVIEW	7,035.00	5,942.77	12,078.77	SUNSHINE	.00	150.00	W DREW	1,274.64	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
PARKVIEW	2,198.00	1,815.00	3,813.00	THORN HILL	1,956.43	1,511.93	W DREW	3,564.36	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
PARKVIEW	2,158.37	1,799.22	4,367.59	UNION	700.00	1,093.25	W DREW	1,793.54	1,274.64	12,024.73	<b>WASHINGON</b>						
PARKVIEW	36,267.75	13,771.32	50,048.07	WALKER HILL	1,807.54	328.46											

# “Some Sundays the total contacts are five times the enrollment”

Adult III in the Sunday School of First Church, Magee, set a goal of 87 in attendance for April 6, beginning day of the church's "Good News America" revival. When 70 came to the department opening, and a total of 86 were present, this became a day of rejoicing, reports Fred E. Kennedy, department director.

It was after a Sunday in October, 1981, that "something began to happen," says Kennedy. That day the enrollment was 72 (four classes). That Sunday there were six people in the department opening, with a total of 19 present.

Then members of the department were challenged to commit themselves to a renewed effort (by personal contacts, visits, mail and telephone calls) to let every absentee and every prospect know of their love and care for them.

Within a year, the department reached an enrollment of 74 (four

classes) and an average attendance of 29. Each year since, the enrollment and attendance have increased. Now the enrollment is 124 (six classes) with an average attendance of 60 plus.

Some Sundays the total contacts are over five times the enrollment. "Every member has become a positive and enthusiastic Sunday School worker with joy and gladness," says the director. (The goal of 87 for the April 6 attendance was three times the average attendance of the first year's special emphasis.)

Emphasis in the department became fourfold: 1. The importance of your presence cannot be overemphasized. 2. Pray for the department. It works. 3. Members and leaders — they make it work. 4. Remember-Repent-Return.

In making contacts, the members were to remember the scriptures, Luke 14:23, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come

in, that my house will be filled," Daniel 12:4, "Many shall run to and from and knowledge shall be increased," and Jer. 51:31, "One shall run to meet another."

"The reason above everything else that causes us to grow in enrollment, attendance, love, and our spiritual relationship with God is your and my personal commitment of our will to do God's will." This is the attitude of commitment that was encouraged, according to Kennedy.

Oliver C. Ladnier is the pastor.

## First, Bruce ordains minister

Chuck Quarles was ordained to the ministry on Sunday evening July 13, by First Church, Bruce. Concord Church, Calhoun County, where he is pastor, participated in the service.

## Jasper Collins, pastor, dies

Jasper Collins, 60, pastor of Calvary Church, Natchez, died July 11, at Jefferson Davis Memorial Hospital, Natchez.

Services were held at 10 a.m., July 14 at Calvary Baptist Church with burial at 1:30 p.m. in Lakewood Memorial Park in Jackson.

Collins was a native of Jones County. He was the son of Buford T. and Arilla White Collins. He was a former pastor of Magnolia Park Church in Jackson, Bovina Church in Vicksburg, and Edna Church of Columbia.



He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Pickering Collins; daughter, Mrs. Pat Thompson of Naples, Fla.; son, Keith Collins of Brandon; three brothers; two sisters; stepmother, Mrs. Delma Collins of Laurel; and five grandchildren.

An acre of performance is worth the whole world of promise. — James Howell

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## HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

### Church Loan Collateralized Bonds

#### SERIES B

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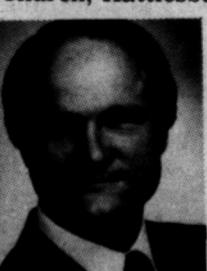
## Staff Changes

Harry Gipson, pastor of Providence Church, Rankin County, for 12 years, has resigned and is available for supply preaching, revivals, or interim pastorates. His address is 101 Marie Drive, Brandon, Miss. 39042 (phone 825-3392).

  
Max Sturdivant has joined the staff of First Church, Winona, as youth director. He is a graduate of Ole Miss, having served as Baptist Student Union president.

Cleary Church, Rankin County, near Florence, has called a new youth and education director, Steve Foxworth. He and his wife, Melia, and daughter, Stefani, moved there in June. Foxworth was graduated in May from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. A native of Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana Tech.

Stephen Allan Odom assumed the pastorate of University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, on June 29.

  
A native of Pascagoula, Odom holds degrees from Perkinson Junior College. He obtained master of divinity, master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has had additional studies in counseling at the University of Louisville and in clinical pastoral education at Central State Hospital, Louisville.

Most recently he has been interim

pastor at Salem Church, Shelbyville, Ky. while serving on the teaching faculty of Southern Seminary.

Odom has written a book *Steady in an Unsteady World*, an edited volume of the unpublished sermons of Leslie Weatherhead.

He is married to the former Jan Pittman of Columbia. Mrs. Odom received the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Mississippi College and was currently serving as nurse manager at the Humana Hospital Audubon in Louisville, Ky. The Odoms are parents of two sons.

Albert Breazeale is the new pastor of Shaw Church, Bolivar County. He and his wife, Myrtle, are returning to Shaw after 14 years in Salem, Ohio. His earlier ministry at Shaw was from 1966 to 1972. Peter Haik ended his services as pastor of the Shaw Church in May. He and his family have moved to Copiah Association, where he is the new pastor of County Line Church.

  
Mike Ramsey has been called as minister of youth and activities for the Pleasant Hill Church, Quitman. He will work with children, youth, and in adult activities.

Mark B. Lott is new minister of education and youth at Thirty-Eighth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg. A graduate of Jones Junior College, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary, Lott has served churches in Petal, Picayune, and Hattiesburg. He has also served on staff at the New Orleans association. He is married to the former Susan Shaffer; they have one son.

  
Ronald Harrison is the new pastor of Loyd Church, Calhoun County. A student at Blue Mountain College, he had been serving as interim at Loyd.

Eddie Hamilton is the new pastor of Oak Forest Church, Jackson, beginning Aug. 10. He goes to Jackson from the pastorate of First Church, Carthage where he has served for six years. Hamilton is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He and his wife Dot have two children.

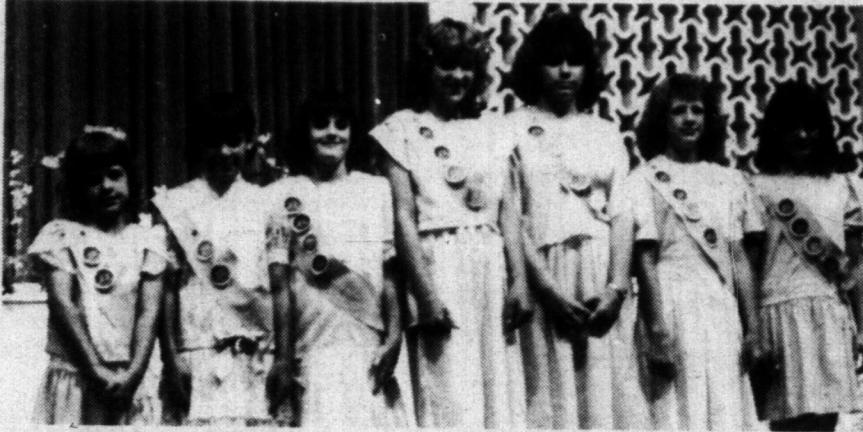
  
Terry Dent is new minister of music at Highland Church, Crystal Springs. A Holly Springs native, he is a graduate of Mississippi College. He formerly was a missionary journeyman in Africa, and teaches biology and geometry at Copiah Academy. He is married to the former Nancy Conner.

Roy Jenkins is new minister of music at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. A Clinton native, he comes to Jackson from Myrtle Lake Church, Land O'Lakes, Fla., where he was associate pastor of music and youth. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Melanie McMinn Jenkins, also from Clinton, have two children.

Lamar Pickens has accepted the pastorate of Pleasant Ridge Church, Calhoun County.

Dan Mobley has moved from Hamilton to the pastorate of Midway Church, Calhoun County.

# Just for the Record



First Church, Carthage, held its Acteen and GA recognition service on May 25. The theme was "After Morning Rain." GAs who received badges were, left-right, Jill Ray, badges 1 and 2; Shellea Beckman, badge 4; Deanna Wooten, badge 4; Sheri Sudduth, badges 3 and 5; Kristi Hamer, badge 6; Kate Faulkner, badge 4; Melissa Jones, badge 4; Christi Allen (not pictured) badge 5.



First, Carthage Actees recognized were, left-right, Stephanie Hamilton, queen regent in service; Michelle Kemp, queen; Mary Margaret Harkins, queen; Debbie Rucker, queen with a scepter.

## Names in the News

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Sue Tatum of Yazoo City will take part in the Woman's Missionary Union Conference July 30-Aug. 5 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Tatum will lead special interest conferences. She serves as vice-president of Mississippi WMU.

"Gifted to Serve — Called to Act" will be the theme of the meeting. Features of the WMU week will include WMU conferences, missionary testimonies, and missions features, and vespers.

Keith Stephenson, who recently received the master of arts in marriage and family counseling degree from Southwestern Seminary, has joined the staff of First Church, Prattville, Ala. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Stephenson, 2206 E. Northside Drive, Jackson, and is married to the former Pat Roberson of Heidelberg.

## H. V. Hardin, minister, dies

H. V. Hardin, 72, died July 3, 1986, at South Washington County Hospital in Hollandale. Services were held July 4 at Mortimer-National Funeral Home chapel, Greenville.

Hardin had retired as a Baptist minister from Poplar Springs Church in Vardaman. He was born in Calhoun

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — New Orleans Seminary here has added two persons to its administrative staff. Ferrell Foster has been named director of public relations, and Craig Gilliam has been chosen assistant to the vice president for development. Both are graduates of the Seminary. Foster, 30, a native of Dallas, served as acting director from January until May, when he received the master of divinity degree. Before coming to New Orleans as a student in 1984, Foster was managing editor of the Marshall (Texas) News Messenger. Gilliam, 27, a native of Shreveport, La., was pastor of First Church, Onida, S.D., before joining the seminary staff.

CLINTON — Norman H. Gough, director of public relations at Mississippi College, has been elected vice-president of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) for the 1986-87 school year. CPRAM is composed of public relations personnel from public and private junior and senior colleges and universities in the state and educational and public service agencies.

County.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Renne Hardin; daughters, Mrs. Carole Vaughan of Marion, Ark., Mrs. Sally Montgomery of Corinth and Mrs. Glenda Weeks of Greenville; sons, James Hardin and Tom Hardin of Dalton, Ga.; one; sister, and nine grandchildren.

Trinity Church, Biloxi will be celebrating its 34th anniversary on Sunday, July 20. One of the former pastors, Bert Langley, will bring the morning message. Dinner will be served following the service and the afternoon will be filled with singing by the Bible Echoes of Hattiesburg. William J. Abel is pastor.

## Ruth Church to mark 50th

Ruth Church in Lincoln County celebrates its 50th anniversary with homecoming and revival beginning July 27 and going through Aug. 1. July 27 will be homecoming with Sunday School at 10 and worship at 11, then lunch, and an afternoon service. Mon.-Fri. services are at 7:30 p.m. Former pastor R. C. (Bob) Johnson, will be speaker. Music director will be Mrs. Sally Presnell. Ben C. Presnell, is pastor.

## Homecomings

Providence, Jayess: July 20; Sunday School at 9:45; worship at 10:45; dinner served at noon; speaker is Bobby Smith, pastor of New Hope, Foxworth; music by Victor Walsh, First Church, McComb; pianist; Alisha Farnam, South McComb Church; John C. Carlisle, pastor.

## First, Sanford, will celebrate 90th birthday

First Church, Sanford, will celebrate its 90th birthday with a homecoming service, July 27.

Activities will include song services, presentation of church history, guest speakers, pot luck, and fellowship.

Van C. Windham, pastor, Maybank (Lebanon), will speak at the 10:30 a.m. service. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. At 2 p.m. Roy Raddin, director of missions, Washington Association, will speak. There will be no night service.

W. C. Nobles is pastor. Pearl Morris is chairman of the Celebration Committee.

## Student couple witnesses in Kenya

A husband-wife team, Jeff and Melva (Graham) Clark of Cox's Creek, Ky., both students at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., are now in Kenya, East Africa, on a volunteer witnessing mission.

Melva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max B. Graham of Coldwater, is a former member of Mt. Zion Church, Independence, Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dozier Clark of Winchester, Tenn. He has been licensed to preach by New Salem Church, Cox's Creek, Ky. The two expect to be graduated from Southern Seminary in December, 1987, and have committed their lives to mission service.



Ellistown Church, Blue Springs, day WMU quilted a quilt (pictured) to raise money for missions, according to Mrs. Evelyn Pannell, WMU director.



Actees of Temple Church, Myrtle, held a recognition service on June 1. Seated are leaders Peggy Hitt and Jackie Butler. Kneeling are queens: Patricia Culver, Marie Kizer, Amy Creighton, and Deann McNeeley. Standing are escorts: Ricky Kizer, Spencer Cobb, Ronnie Miles, and Marty Cook. Pastor is Richard Johnson.

## Revival Dates

Mt. Olivet (Scott): July 20-23; Graves Polk, preaching; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; homecoming July 20, with picnic dinner served at the church and a social hour in the afternoon.

Pleasant Home, Jones: July 20-25; Sun., worship at 11, dinner on grounds, afternoon service at 1:30; Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; evangelist, Richard Spencer, pastor, First Church, Plantersville; musician, Lynn Evans, minister of music at Pleasant Home; Jimmy McFatter, pastor.

Bethel, Brandon: July 19-23; Women's conference (including lunch) Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., led by Mrs. Virginia Smith; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; luncheon for area pastors, noon Tues.; evangelist, Wayne Smith, conference speaker; music evangelist, Danny Greig, Millvale Intl. Ministries, Zachary, La.; Bob Nations Jr., pastor.

Philadelphia, Webster County: July 20-25; 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Harry Sartain of Liberty Church, Carroll County; singing by Terry Cain of Seminary; music by Fran Pittman and Tootsie Doolittle; Walter Simmons, pastor.

Pleasant Hill, Quitman: July 20-25; Sun. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Stanley Barnett, First Church, Pearl; music director, Wayne Baggett, First Church, Quitman; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Providence, Jayess: July 20-25; Sunday at 10:45 and 1 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Bobby Smith, pastor of New Hope, Foxworth; music director, Victor Walsh, First Church, McComb; pianist, Alisha Farnam, South McComb Church. John L. Carlisle, pastor.

Pine Grove, Union: July 20-25; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Hardy Denham, Jr., full time conference leader and writer, of Newton; music leader, Ronnie White, music director, Pine Grove; Curtis L. Guess, pastor.

Braxton Church: July 20-25; at 7:30 each evening. David Perkins of New Orleans Seminary, preaching; John Renfroe of Star Church, leading the singing; Charles Guy, pastor.

Highland, Crystal Springs: July 20-24; Sunday School at 9:45, service at 11 with dinner on ground; Mon.-Thurs., 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Gary Bowlin; music leader, Terry Dent; Vann Windom, pastor.

Spring Hill (Copiah): July 20-23; Sunday, 11 a.m.; lunch, fellowship hall; dedication service, afternoon; no night service; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Vernell Daniels, pastor, Union, Puckett, evangelist; Joey Hart, music.

Big Creek (Wayne): July 20-25; regular services, Sunday, weekly services, 7 p.m.; Albert McMullen, pastor, Stonewall First (Clarke), evangelist; Charlotte Watson, music; Ashley Freeman, pastor.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

## Judgment of the day of the Lord to come, Judah warned



### BIBLE BOOK

By Marjean Patterson  
*Zephaniah 1:1 - 3:8*

When Robert G. Lee served as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, he became internationally known because of his sermon titled "Payday Some Day." This noted servant of God, so greatly gifted in oratory and exposition of the scripture, would hold a congregation spell-bound as he painted word pictures of the wrath of God which would be poured out on people because of their evil doings.

The prophet Zephaniah likewise

was a man of God who delivered God's message of wrath in a fiery form. He reminded Judah and some of her neighbors that they could just mark his words — harvest definitely was going to come. There definitely would be a showdown with the everlasting God because of their sin.

Zephaniah warned Israel that when God moved in, there would be wholesale and widespread judgment. Some of the people of Israel had worshipped the sun, moon, and stars as the pagans did. Zephaniah said that God would make a clean sweep; judgment would come upon everyone.

**The judgment to come on Judah (1:1-18)**

The sin of false worship (1:4-6) was the first in a long list of sins to be catalogued. The people who were God's chosen ones had compromised their beliefs by attempting to combine the worship of Yahweh God with the worship of Baal, the Ammonite god, Milcom, and a host of others. It was

as if the people were trying to stay on the good side of all the gods. Their God required undivided loyalty.

The people were told to be silent, for the Lord was coming to judge. The day of the Lord was at hand.

Judah itself is pictured as being God's sacrifice. Marked for slaughter on the day of the Lord's sacrifice were court officials, the rich, and those who led the people into pagan religious practices.

The people who had drifted off into complacency (1:12-13) were going to be badly disappointed. For when God moved, many of the things they counted on they would have no more.

**A call to repent (2:1-3)**

Following the vivid threat of destruction, Zephaniah urged the people to repent. Calling them people filled with pride, he described the awful punishment which was inevitable unless they repented. Even those who were trying to do what God commanded were reminded of the need

for repentance and for stepping up their efforts to serve God.

**The judgment to come on other nations (2:4-15)**

The prophet said that when God came to act, he would deal with other countries in addition to Israel and Judah. Judgment would begin at the house of God, but it would go out to all the people.

The cruel and proud Moabites and Ammonites would become "a land possessed by nettles and salt pits, and a waste forever." The self-sufficient Ethiopians and Assyrians would experience such desolation they would be described as a "dry waste like a desert" and "a lair for wild beasts."

**Judah's refusal to repent (3:1-8)**

Zephaniah once more turned his attention to the special people of God. In particular, four serious charges were levelled against Jerusalem (3:2). She had not listened to the word

of God as spoken through her prophets; she had refused to accept discipline or correction; she had not trusted God; she had not drawn near to him in penitent worship.

The religious and political leaders of Judah were condemned. Described as wild animals who prey on their own people (3:3), the leaders profaned what was sacred, neglected to teach the Law, and did violence to it.

Zephaniah thundered to those who heard him that sinners in Jerusalem were to perish along with all the godless nations gathered from the ends of the earth because they would not repent.

### Conclusion

The judgment that was to come on Judah and its neighbors showed that though God wanted us to seek him, he will punish those who ignore his call to repent.

Marjean Patterson is executive director, Mississippi WMU.

## Racism: Jesus' life and ministry supported no



### LIFE AND WORK

By James W. Street  
*Acts 10:34-35; 17:24-26; Ephesians 2:13-18*

A black clergyman who worships on Saturday slipped into a Baptist church on Sunday morning. At the time of the welcome to visitors he remained seated and members rose around him. The member seated in front of him turned and greeted him with a hearty handshake. As the member's eyes lifted from the face of the black visitor, he was confronted with the angry scowl and clenched fist of another member seated behind the

visitor.

The anecdote is cited to depict the dichotomy not only in churches, but in individual Christians as well. For you see the church member who did the greeting had already wrestled with God in a white knuckles, pew-clasping moment to see if God wanted him to greet the sole black face in the midst of a sea of white friends. He was asking as most of us do, "What would Jesus do?"

A cursory perusal of the Gospels allows ample indication that Jesus gave himself to plenty of folk who were not of Jewish extraction. Indeed, the delineation of his biological heritage is inclusive of Gentile names. As he grows toward maturation he is immersed in the bustling territory of Galilee which was Palestine's amalgamation point of races, nation, cultures, and languages.

His public ministry knows no

limitations of racism. Two people who are singled out as exemplars of great faith include a Roman soldier and a Canaanite woman. Nowhere in the New Testament is one likely to find race as a prerequisite for entrance into the kingdom of God or the fellowship of believers here on earth.

The definitive case in point has to be the direct route chosen by Jesus after events got hot in northern Palestine. Most proper Jews would have made a six day trip out of an easy three day journey by crossing the Jordan twice in order to avoid crossing through Samaria. He chose to cross immediately from Galilee into the land of Jacob's well.

After that one boundary crossing, there follows many other sacrosanct borders that he deliberately flaunts. There at the well, Jesus meets a Samaritan. Taboos fall as he visits with this woman, not a lady, not a

paragon of virtue. Probably this new friend was the harlot of Sychar. Before the afternoon was out she was a new person eagerly spreading the word about this understanding man from Galilee.

The whole image is surrealistic. A pure son of Judaism spending the afternoon with a half-breed whore talking about things of an eternal nature. Jesus is crossing boundaries like the border of Samaria, like the notion of Jewish superiority over the Samaritans, like the idea that a "good" person ought not witness to a "bad" person, and like the idea of inequality between male and female.

One just cannot read the New Testament with any degree of sensitivity and insight and still hold to the notion that the life and ministry of Jesus supports any form of racism. Yes, I am aware that some would take texts like Acts 17:24-26 out of context and use it

and others to support their notion of racism. But, I caution you to be careful because scripture can be misconstrued to support any position unless all of the biblical revelation is considered.

According to any understanding of the scriptures the biblical view of race rotates around two foci: the doctrine of mankind and the sovereignty of God. From these we may deduce with Paul (Galatians 3:28) that there is to be no ethnic distinction in the church. As you consider yourself, as you reflect on the sovereignty of God, and as you mull the doctrine of the church, you almost have to come to the inescapable realization that we are all one, that we are all equal, and that we all fall under the rule and reign of God. Racism has no place in the Christian's life.

James W. Street is pastor, First, Cleveland.

## Personal responsibility: 'We can't answer for others' wrongness'



### UNIFORM

By Robert E. Self  
*Ezekiel 18*

Most people look for someone else to blame for the situation when life isn't going well. Several years ago when our children were at home, I heard a crash in the back of the house and went to see what had happened. I found our oldest holding some items that had been knocked to the floor. The baby was sleeping soundly in his bed. When I inquired what had happened, I was told that the baby had caused the problem. "He must have yelled at me or something."

Perhaps no other attitude so permeates the whole of life as the

denial of personal responsibility. It has been true historically. The ancient Jews often interpreted events in their national life as the results of the actions of their fathers. Certainly, there is a sense in which that is true. No man sins in a vacuum. Every wayward act does have some impact upon the lives of other people.

Most of the difficulties that we experience are the result of our own misdeeds. Notice the

#### I. Folly of the captives (18:1-3)

The people of the Babylonian exile turned to the adage of antiquity when they asserted that their captivity and other problems resulted from the sins of their fathers. They believed that they were being punished for the disobedience of their parents.

Such spiritual paranoia provides far too easy an answer to our own struggles. To be sure, we must sometimes live through some difficulty that precipitates primarily from the actions of others. But to deny personal

contribution to such events is to claim for ourselves a degree of perfection that the scriptures will not allow.

There comes a time in the life of each of us, as in the life of the captives when we must acknowledge that we have failed and that the greater part of our heartache and guilt comes from the failing. Ezekiel had to impress that part of the message from God upon the people. Every counsellor has been in that position at some point, the position of helping a person to see a degree to which he is responsible for a particular predicament.

#### II. The fairness of God (18:4-13)

God informs Ezekiel and thus, the people, that any idea that denies personal responsibility is ultimately not acceptable. So strong is his statement that he tells the prophet that this excuse is not to be used in the land again. It is as though God has said "I'm tired of it."

The fairness of God in dealing with man is then set forth. The idea is sim-

ple. It holds that the person who lives righteously in the right relationship with God will live. The person who rebels and transgresses will die. The fairness of God's judgment then rests upon the concept that men are judged on the basis of their actions and relationships, not those of their parents, children, etc. Jeremiah adds to the thought in 31:29-30 when he tells us that every man accounts for his own iniquity.

#### III. The future of the fallen (18:30-32)

These verses are a high spot in the Old Testament theology. God sends out an invitation to all men to turn to him in repentance and live. The call is virtually a New Testament call. It envisions man in a position to hear and respond to God's plan for his life. Those who have transgressed do not have to die for that mistake. Repentance is always the option.

Sometimes we hear stories of those who waited too late to repent. Those

stories fill the hearer with a sense of fear. Most pastors can recount at least one or two persons who stated a desire to become a Christian but felt their allegiance to another lifestyle was too great to overcome. What a tragedy.

### Conclusion

Someone has written that "you haven't failed until you have blamed someone else." We live in a society that encourages the placing of blame in other places. It has become so commonplace that it is done without thinking.

The story of David is familiar to all of us. When Nathan confronted the king regarding his improper acts, David could only painfully respond, "I am the man." He responded in repentance and wrote many great psalms, among which is the fifty-first.

We are responsible for the living of our lives in right relationships with God. Nobody can do it for us. We must always be found seeking him for ourselves.

Self is pastor, First, Brookhaven.

# Baptist Record

## Texas Baptist retirees erect Hospitality House at prison

By Ken Camp

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (BP) — Some drove more than 500 miles just to be part of the building project. Others read about it in the local newspaper and came to help after work.

Some were preachers, most were laymen and a few had no church affiliation at all. They ranged in age from 13 to 81. The one thing uniting the builders was a common commitment — to erect the Huntsville, Texas, Hospitality House in 24 hours.

Preliminary work was begun weeks before as the site was leveled, a retaining wall was built, a concrete slab was poured and underground plumbing was installed. A few days prior to the May 23-24 building date, Texas Baptist Men building committee chairman Olen Miles and his team of retiree builders began prefabricating walls and nailing together trusses.

On Thursday, most of the 55 retiree couples stayed at their campsite near Cook Springs Baptist Church in Huntsville, playing dominoes, resting up for the big day on Friday, and, as one builder said, "chomping at the bit" waiting to get started.

At 7:30 a.m. Friday, about 70 volunteers lined up for breakfast in front of the building site at the Texas Baptist Disaster Relief unit and portable field kitchen. By 8:30, they had been joined by another 50 volunteers who gathered on the bare concrete slab for a devotional service conducted by Bob Dixon, Texas Baptist Men executive director.

After leading the building crew in a rousing chorus of "The Family of God" and introducing the lead carpenters, electricians, and plumbers, Miles gave the order at 9 a.m. to begin work.

Within the first hour, the crew raised all of the outside walls and inside partitions. By 10 a.m. they were installing windows, and by 11 a.m. they began lifting the trusses into place.

As the builders worked, others sup-

ported the effort in their own ways. Some members of the Texas Baptist Disaster Relief team began preparing the noon meal.

Members of the Texas Baptist Aviation Fellowship also undergirded the project, providing several needed flights.

Donated by U.S. Brick, the white brick were made especially for the Hospitality House. Since the massive, red Walls Prison Unit is just a couple of blocks from the Hospitality House, the ministry's board of trustees and specifically requested red brick be avoided.

By mid-afternoon, the second shift of volunteer builders began arriving, though many who started work at 9 a.m. continued on the job.

Joining the crew was Chris Conrad of Sumner, Washington. Conrad, a roofer who had been working in Huntsville for about five months and whose son is serving time at the Wynne Unit, read about the Hospitality House building project in the local newspaper. When he got off work, he drove to the building site with hammer in hand, ready to begin roofing.

"With a son in prison I just naturally wanted to help. I mean, sometimes I wonder if anybody cares. To hear some people talk, it makes you wonder if people down here resent having prisons. It's kind of neat to see that somebody really does care," Conrad said.

Before sundown, electricians began to string lights and install wiring and fixtures, many of which were donated by Watson Electric of Dallas.

Ron Chapman, an electrician and a member of Casa View Baptist Church in Dallas, said he had the opportunity to witness to 15 people as he gathered supplies prior to the building date.

As the sun set and crew members took a supper break, 80-year-old Miles

continued to walk around the site, pointing to things that still needed to be completed and looking anxiously at the doorway, waiting for the night crew to arrive.

"Just as sure as God raised up Moses to lead the children of Israel across the Red Sea, God raised up Olen Miles to lead these men to do this work," said Larry Blanchard of First Church of Lindale, Texas.

Larry Pletz of First Baptist Church of Plano, Texas, let his 13-year-old son, Jeff, come with him to join in the building effort. Pletz, a veteran member of the Texas Baptist Disaster Relief team, welcomed the chance to renew old acquaintances as he worked.

At about 9:30 p.m., 42 workers from Smith Baptist Association arrived to relieve the second-shift crew. The Tyler-area men, most of whom had come to Huntsville after a full day at their jobs, worked through the night, allowing others a few hours of much-needed sleep.

After Saturday breakfast, a refreshed crew surveyed the work that had been done during the night and then started to work again. In a flurry of activity, builders raced the clock to complete as much as possible prior to the 10 a.m. dedication service.

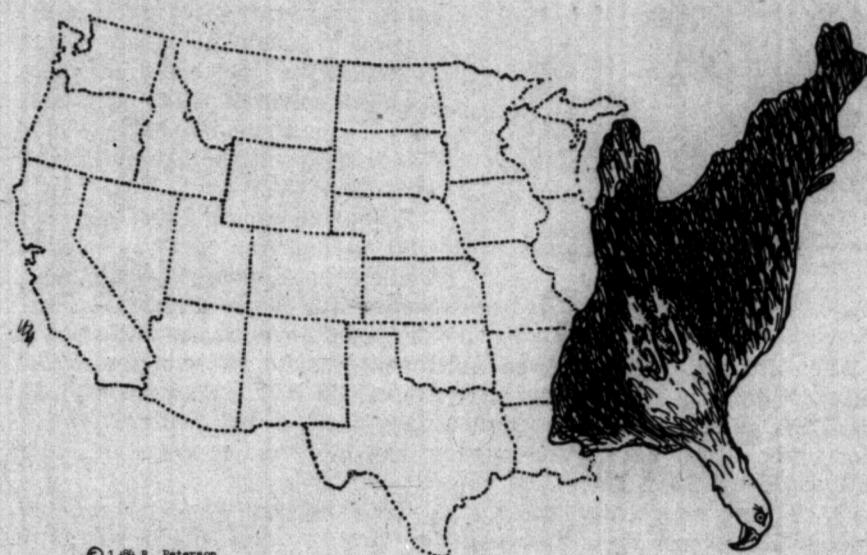
William M. Pinson Jr., executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, read an account of the Last Judgment from Matthew 25, centering on the words, "I was in prison and you visited me."

Miles, choked with emotion, offered a prayer of dedication. Ending the project as it began, he led the crew in a chorus of "The Family of God." At the end of the last phrase, a worker in the back of the crowd shouted, "Brother, I've been waiting all night for that!"

Ken Camp writes for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

## GEOGRAFUNK: (For Young Readers) Nations and Imaginations

By Ralph C. Peterson



### Eastern U.S. an eagle (Turn sideways)

Color the states.

## Book Reviews

READY TO MINISTER; Pinson, William M. Jr., Broadman, Nashville, pp. 130.

The book is first in a Broadman Leadership series. It is divided into four main sections; Bases for Ministry, Knowledge for Ministry, Skills for Ministry, and Power for Ministry. The outline made it easier to read.

In the first section under Bases for Ministry, the author discussed the minister's relation to God, self, and others in three consecutive chapters. In the chapter "Relation to Self," the author discussed the minister's health. He said "a body overweight, out-of-shape, and clogged with impurities is a dishonor to the Holy Spirit who dwells in it and to God who created it." He goes on to say, "Adequate exercise and recreation are important for good health."

In the section "Knowledge for Ministry" the author has a chapter entitled "Areas of Knowledge." He said, "the study of the Bible is essential for a knowledge of God. Sometimes we are prone to study more about the Bible than we are to

study the Bible itself."

Much of the material in this book is material most ministers have probably read before. There are few statements that break "new grounds." It would be good for college and seminary students to read and, if nothing else, a person may want to buy it to go with the others in the set.

— Reviewed by Gregory E. Potts, pastor, Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia.

THE ROBE by Lloyd C. Douglas (Houghton Mifflin, paper, 508 pp., \$8.95) This popular novel was first published in 1942 and was made into a movie. It is a classic — now out in a new paperback edition. It is the imaginary story of the soldier who tossed for Christ's robe and won. This parable of one man's quest for faith and truth has sold six million copies since that first publication date. Now the discoveries of Demetrius can delight and enlighten another generation. — AWM

## Missionary pilot averts disaster in Brazil

By Mike Chute

SAO LUIS, Brazil (BP) — Southern Baptist missionary Warren Rose averted disaster when the mission plane he was flying developed engine trouble and was forced to land without power in a remote region of Brazil's Maranhao state.

No one was hurt, and the plane was not damaged in the recent incident.

With Rose in the one-engine, six-seat plane were three Brazilian pastors and Maranhense Baptist Convention leaders — President Adonias Brelaz, Executive Secretary Joao Crisostomo, and Director of Evangelism Antonio Martinez Pinto.

The team was enroute from the city of Sao Luis to lead weekend evangelistic services in three interior cities of Maranhao.

As they neared the city of Alto Parnaiba, the engine "blew one valve and possibly a second," said Rose, a missionary pilot and church starter from Covington, Tenn. "The unburned fuel was seeping out of the cylinders. So I had to shut the engine off. I was concerned about a fire."

"Well, if this is the great day that the Lord will carry us home, then we are ready," Crisostomo said.

Rose glided the plane for about 10

minutes before he spotted an open field in the hilly, rocky terrain, where he landed.

"The Lord was really good to us," said Rose, adding he was about 10 miles off course when the engine trouble occurred. Because of the remoteness of the region, "there are no check points out there," he noted. "If we had been on course, there would have been no place to land around Alto Parnaiba. It's full of jungle there."

The glide took the plane some 40 miles west of Alto Parnaiba. Once on the ground, Rose used the plane's new high-frequency radio to call for help.

His wife Kathy Rose notified church members in Alto Parnaiba, who sent a truck to the area where the plane landed. Meanwhile, Rose and the three pastors spent a night in the home of a farmer who heard the plane fly over his house. He rode 30 minutes on horseback to the downed plane.

It took the team three days to travel the 500 miles back to Sao Luis, first by horse, then by truck and bus. It is a three-hour trip by plane.

Rebuilding the plane's engine was expected to take a month and cost between \$6,000 and \$18,000.

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